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Model Candice Swanepoel attends the INCREDIBLE By Victoria's Secret bra launch at Victoria's Secret, SoHo yesterday in New York City.

Province goes all in, online

Liberals eager for new revenue streams to eliminate provincial deficit, fund election promises U.S. expected to lift its ban on online gambling this fall

Ontario is wading into online betting as more cash-strapped provinces and countries race to catch lucrative gambling revenues that are flowing outside their borders.

Canada's most populous province announced yesterday that it will follow British Columbia's lead by launching its own online gambling business in 2012.

"On the weekend, I watched five poker television shows. I went and looked at a number of online sites from around the world," said Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

"People want this. People enjoy gaming."

$100M
The province estimates that within five years, it could rake in $100 million annually through online gambling.

Canadians spend nearly $1 billion a year at unregulated gambling sites, with Ontario accounting for about $400 million of those revenues, according to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp.

The province should get its share of that pie, even though it won't offer online gambling for another 18 months, said OLG chairman Paul Godfrey.

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Delta Chelsea. Lucky guest

▶ Lois David, left, receives a surprise welcome yesterday as the Delta Chelsea Hotel's 20-millionth guest.

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20,000,000th guest feted at the Delta Chelsea

Lois David of North Bay, who came to Toronto for a doctor's appointment, was upgraded to a suite and won a prize package including a trip for two to the city. The Delta Chelsea Hotel opened in 1975.

Province will compensate

People wrongfully convicted of crimes on discredited pathologist's testimony could receive up to $250,000 Critics call amount 'pittance'

People who were wrongfully convicted or accused of killing children based in part on the testimony of disgraced forensic pathologist Dr. Charles Smith will be eligible to apply for compensation from the Ontario government.

The province is offering "recognition payments" for 19 people and some of their family members, "whose lives have been significantly impacted as a result of flawed pediatric forensic pathology," said Attorney General Chris Bentley.

People who were convicted, charged or investigated as a result of flawed pathology can be included in the compensation process.

Retired judge Chester Misener will look at the 19 cases as applications for compensation come in, and will make a decision within 90 days about who is eligible and the amount each individual will receive, with a top payment of $250,000.

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Dr. Charles Smith

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- Former Ontario child pathologist Dr. Charles Smith's testimony in several infant death cases has been discredited, leading to overturned convictions and a public inquiry.
- One of the most well-known cases involving Smith is that of William Mullins-Johnson, who spent 12 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of the rape and murder of his four-year-old niece. His conviction was quashed by an appeals court in 2007.

Man shot in jewelry store robbery

Police are hunting for two armed suspects who robbed a midtown jewelry store and shot and wounded one of the employees.

The jewelry store employee, believed to be in his 50s, was rushed to hospital after being shot twice during the robbery.

It happened Monday evening at Arax Jewellers, located on Eglinton Avenue near Bayview Avenue.

Ambulance officials say the man was shot in the arm and leg.

He was rushed to hospital in serious condition, but his injuries are not considered life-threatening.

The suspects got away with an unknown amount of jewelry, and there are reports they fled in a dark-coloured Audi.

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Bragging earns man conviction

Police say a BMW driver who bragged about his speeding on a social networking site was later convicted on careless driving charges.

York Regional Police say Vladimir Rigenco, 19, of Vaughan, is banned from driving for six months and sentenced to 12 months of probation after he entered a guilty plea. He must also complete a remedial driving program and pay a fine of $1,000.

Police say a U.S. man contacted officers in April about a social networking website for BMW fans, where a suspect had posted a message saying he drove his car 100 km/h over the speed limit in Vaughan.

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First details of Canada's withdrawal from Afghanistan trickle out. Scan the code for more.

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▶ Gary Soren practices tai chi at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada in Toronto, August 4.

Tai Chi Society to celebrate big anniversary

World-famous discipline of 108 gentle moves was founded in Toronto 40 years ago by immigrant monk

Recently, in Chinatown, a group of people gathered for their regular practice of the discipline of Taoist tai chi — the very picture of calm and easy relaxation as they slowly progressed through a series of gentle synchronized movements.

They're just a few blocks from where the founder of the International Taoist Tai Chi Society — a Taoist monk who immigrated from Hong Kong — held his first classes in 1970.

This week, society members are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the world's largest non-profit tai chi organization, started by Master Moy Lin-shin, who passed away in 1998, right here in Toronto.

40,000
members worldwide will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the world's largest non-profit tai chi organization on Saturday by simultaneously practising the 108 moves.

On Saturday, thousands of people around the world, including a sizable Canadian contingent, will mark the occasion by simultaneously completing the 108 moves of the tai chi set at 10 a.m. ET.

The tai chi set of 108 moves can be taught in three or four months, and then a student moves into the "continuing" stage.

As more and more students learned the art, and began teaching it to others, the society expanded to 26 countries and more than 40,000 members.

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Pantalone promises tax breaks for seniors

In a move that will score him big points with seniors, mayoral candidate Joe Pantalone has promised, if elected, to freeze property tax rates for anyone over 65 with a household income of less than $50,000.

The tax break would cost the city about $250,000 annually and there would be some sort of application process to ensure the system wasn't being abused, he said.

Pension rates stay frozen, yet taxes are driven up with the market, he said, adding, "This will ensure people can stay in their homes."

The announcement was part of introducing Pantalone's seniors' policy, "Whole City, Whole Lives."

Speaking to supporters at a café in Little Italy yesterday, Pantalone said Toronto needs to become an "age-friendly city" as it prepares for major demographic shifts coming as baby boomers enter that stage of life.

"Within five years there will be more seniors in Toronto than children," he said. This is the first major policy announcement from Pantalone since June.

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▶ Joe Pantalone

Pantalone's plan

If elected, Joe Pantalone — who is currently running third, behind George Smitherman and Rob Ford— says he would:

1. Create a position at city hall for a senior's advocate who would report directly to the city manager and mayor. The advocate could push for regional European-style high-speed trains, so seniors could maintain their ability to travel throughout the GTA and beyond.
2. Work with other levels of government to increase the amount of affordable housing available to seniors.

Losses lead to Manulife downgrade

Manulife Financial has been downgraded by credit rating agency DBRS after the Toronto-based insurance giant reported a $2.4-billion quarterly loss last week.

DBRS pulled back Manulife's long-term debt and preferred share ratings to AA (low) from AA after it took a big hit in the second quarter from the impact of lower equity markets and historically low interest rates that resulted in non-cash charges against the company's reserve requirements.

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Charges laid in fatal collision

Charges have been laid by Hamilton police following an investigation into a fatal traffic accident.

Police say an 87-year-old woman was injured on July 2, when the car she was driving was hit by a pickup truck that crossed the centre line of Garner Road in Hamilton. Gladys Bridger, of Hamilton, died from her injuries.

Police say the driver of the pickup truck, Delbert Mitton, 68, of Ancaster, Ont., has been charged with careless driving. He will appear in court on Aug. 25. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Profits rise for CI Financial

CI Financial Corp. — Canada's third-largest investment funds company — reports its second-quarter profits rose to $89 million from $52.9 million, as the company generated higher revenues and cut operating costs.

Average assets under management increased to $63.5 billion from $53.7 billion last year.

However, retail assets were down from the first quarter, the Toronto wealth manager said yesterday.

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Ombudsman says 'illegal' meetings held

Hamilton-Niagara-Haldimand-Brant LHIN took advantage of grey definition of public consultation, he says

A local health agency set up by the Liberal government held "illegal, secret meetings" to discuss restructuring hospital services in Hamilton and Niagara, including the closure of two emergency rooms, Ombudsman Andre Marin reported yesterday.

But the Hamilton-Niagara-Haldimand-Brant Local Health Integration Network met its lawful requirement to consult the community on the proposed hospital changes by talking with people on the golf course or in line at the grocery store, reported Marin.

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▶ Ombudsman Andre Marin

"Our investigation revealed that despite the strong language in the legislation, the reality of 'community engagement' is that it's a wishy-washy grey zone — and this particular LHIN took advantage of that to render it almost meaningless," Marin said at a press conference.

"They used these secret meetings — seven for the Niagara plan, four for the Hamilton one — to discuss the restructuring plans with the key players away from public view."

All the LHINs opened themselves up to legal challenges of their decisions — including the move to shut the emergency rooms in Fort Erie and Port Colborne — by "being sneaky," meeting in secret and not properly documenting the discussions, said Marin.

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Greyhound lockout looms

Thousands of summer travellers could see their plans dashed if a lockout of Greyhound Canada employees goes ahead later this week.

Company spokeswoman Bonnie Bastian confirms Greyhound told the union they will be locked out if a resolution to contract negotiations is not reached.

The lockout would affect all service in Ontario and Quebec, except for service from Toronto to Sudbury, Ottawa to Sudbury and all points west.

The president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1415 representing Greyhound operators across Ontario predicts widespread commuter hassles.

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490 Greyhound drivers and maintenance workers could be locked out if a resolution is not reached by Thursday.

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▶ Margaret Botelho, left, and sister Bridget make mud with their feet at a new nature camp at the transformed new Evergreen Brick Works.

DON VALLEY BRICK WORKS

'ALL HANDS IN THE DIRT'

She just turned 8, but Margaret Botelho can tell you the secret of a tiny white fleck on a milkweed leaf she has found deep in a downtown park.

"It's a monarch butterfly egg," she explains on a recent scavenger hunt with her family. She knows; her family has hatched four butterflies this summer.

And here, on the unlikely site of an old brick quarry, another sort of hatching is underway, from industrial wasteland to hub of green living, an outdoor nature school in the heart of downtown Toronto.

The former Don Valley Brick Works is the new home base for eco-charity Evergreen, whose spruced-up digs will offer city kids close encounters with nature, through summer camps, weekend programs and school field trips for grades 2 to 5.

"Our theme is 'all hands in the dirt,'" says Evergreen education manager Paul Gifford.

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▶ Pigeons try to stay warm on a grate vacated by a homeless person.

Homelessness, imprisonment: A vicious cycle

Prevent recidivism by spending on community services, says John Howard Society executive director

A growing number of Toronto men are caught in a "revolving door" between jail and shelters, leaving many who leave prison homeless, suggested a report released yesterday.

Researchers for the John Howard Society of Toronto interviewed 363 sentenced prisoners who had spent at least five consecutive nights in custody.

Their findings show about 22 per cent of prisoners were homeless when they were incarcerated, meaning they lived on the street, in a shelter, at a treatment facility or were staying at the home of a friend.

44%
The percentage of interviewed prisoners who didn't have a solid plan for housing upon their release.

The average stay in custody was a little more than two months.

The report said that within days of discharge the prisoners' housing plans indicate that their overall projected rate of homelessness would increase by 40 per cent.

About 32 per cent said they had plans of returning to a shelter, living on the street or "couch surfing" after being released, while another 12 per cent of prisoners said they don't know where they will go, and they are at a risk of being homeless.

"This is a large, identifiable stream of people who should be targeted for assistance to reduce chronic homelessness," the report stated.

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MURDER CHARGE

Cops hunt for man alleged to have killed amputee

An arrest warrant has been issued for a man that police allege was behind the murder of a homeless man in the city's west end.

Fifty-nine-year-old George Rucinski was found dead in a laneway on the morning of April 4.

Police say that a post-mortem revealed Rucinski, who was an amputee, died of blunt-force trauma to the body.

At the time of his death, police said that Rucinski was homeless.

It is also possible that he was a panhandler, police say.

An arrest warrant has been issued for 49-year-old Stephen Downey.

He is charged with second-degree murder.

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Boy, 15, charged in fatal crash

A 15-year-old boy faces criminal charges following a rollover in Scarborough in late July that claimed the life of his teen friend.

The driver, who cannot be identified, is facing charges related to a single-vehicle collision that happened around 1 a.m. July 18 at the corner of Greencedar Circuit and Daphne Road. A 16-year-old passenger was killed.

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Mail mix-up gets man off the hook

Man was charged under PWPA regulations while exploring G20 perimeter fence Court had received no record of charge, says lawyer

More charges

A 21-year-old woman accused of being an organizer of G20 violence is facing a new charge.

Hearing Kelly Pflug-Back was in court for a bail hearing yesterday and she remains in custody as her bail hearing is expected to continue tomorrow. She was previously charged with six counts of mischief over $5,000, but Crown attorney John Healy said outside court she is now facing seven counts.

Surrender Pflug-Back surrendered to police in Peterborough on July 21, just hours after an arrest warrant was issued.

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Feeling anxious over police charges you wish would just disappear? Better cross your fingers for a mix-up in the mailroom.

That's what got Dave Vasey off the hook, it would seem.

On June 24, the 31-year-old was exploring the G20 security perimeter when he was arrested and charged under the controversial Public Works Protection Act, a 1939 law that was amended for the international summit.

But when Vasey attended his scheduled court date July 28, he was told they had no record of his charge.

According to the attorney general's office, it was never filed with the courts.

At the time, Toronto police said they were looking into the missing charge but believed an administrative error was likely to blame.

Police have now concluded that paperwork for Vasey's charge was "delayed in the mail" and failed to arrive at the provincial prosecutor's office until July 29 — one day after Vasey's scheduled court appearance.

Toronto police spokesperson Meaghan Gray said it is unclear what might have caused the delay.

"What happened in the time it left us to the time it arrived in the prosecutor's office is a detail we may never know," Gray said of the issue.

Gray said a police officer mailed Vasey's charge to the prosecutor's office using an interagency mailing service, which is normal procedure.

She said the charge was mailed out about a week before Vasey's court date — which is a month after his June arrest.

It is rare for charges to get lost in the mail but it does occur on occasion, Gray said.

"This is not the first time it's happened."

Vasey was the only person charged with approaching the G20 security perimeter and refusing to comply with a peace officer under the PWPA.

On June 2, the PWPA was quietly amended by provincial cabinet.

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▶ Dave Vasey outside 629 Eastern Ave. after being released. Vasey was arrested while standing near the G20 security fence. The York University master's student was taken to 629 Eastern Ave., an old movie studio that has been converted into a temporary holding pen for G20 prisoners.

Presume innocence, judge tells Khadr panel

The judge in Omar Khadr's war-crimes trial has told the panel of U.S. military officers on the jury panel that the accused is presumed innocent unless proven otherwise.

Col. Patrick Parrish told the potential jurors: "It is vitally important that you keep an open mind about this trial."

Toronto-born Khadr was in court for the jury selection.

Wearing a medium-grey suit and tie, instead of the usual white prison uniform, he watched as the instructions were given yesterday morning.

Parrish told the panel that to convict, jurors must have "no reasonable doubt" as to guilt but needn't have "mathematical certainty."

Parrish also told them they would be able to ask questions of witnesses through him, but that he would decide if the questions were legally appropriate.

Under commission rules, 15 officers drawn in roughly equal numbers from the three major services branches are on the panel, but as few as five of them could be picked as jurors. The exact number will not be known until later when any challenges are dealt with.

Khadr faces five charges, including murder in the death of U.S. special forces Sgt. Chris Speer.

The Pentagon alleges Khadr threw a hand grenade that killed Speer in Afghanistan in July 2002.

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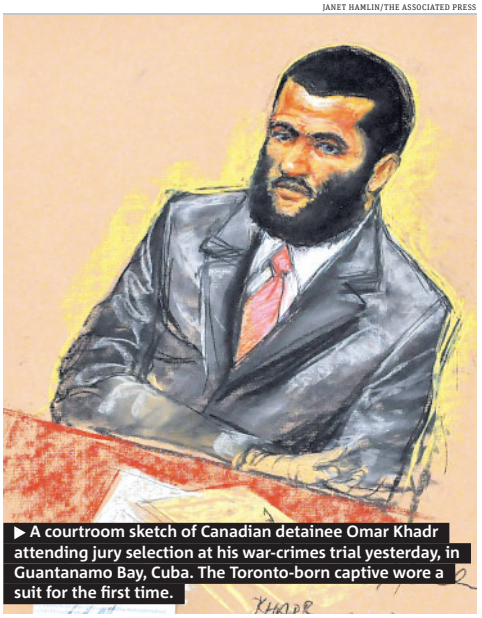

▶ A courtroom sketch of Canadian detainee Omar Khadr attending jury selection at his war-crimes trial yesterday, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Toronto-born captive wore a suit for the first time.

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Voluntary census not as useful: Sheikh

New documents show the governmment tried to shape StatsCan's public comments ◗ Harper has said he will not reverse long-form census

Newly released documents show that the former head of Statistics Canada was set to speak out about the Harper government's controversial census change just before he abruptly quit his post.

The papers reveal that Munir Sheikh was going to tell staff that a voluntary long-form census survey would not be as effective as the current mandatory one.

They also show that the Privy Council Office — which serves the prime minister — was trying to control the statistics agency's public comments on the matter.

The revelations come from almost 200 pages of emails and briefing notes released today in response to a request by the House of Commons industry committee.

In an unusual move, the government leaked the documents to the media before they were distributed to committee members.

Yesterday's documents came the same day that Sheikh wrote an opinion editorial in The Globe and Mail. In it, he urges the government one last time to save the mandatory long-form.

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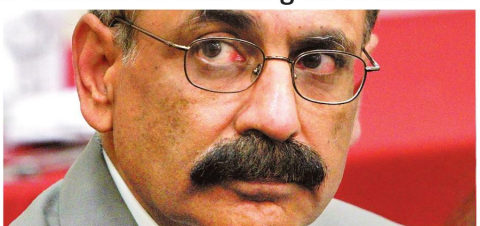
$30 million is the amount of money the government is spending to administer the voluntary household survey according the newly released documents by StatsCan.



▶ Documents show former head of StatsCan was expected to tell staff that a voluntary census would not be as effective.

Group tries to stop census changes

A group trying to kill Conservative changes to the census faces a showdown in court today.

That's the day that the group — the Federation des communautes francophones et acadiennes du Canada — will learn whether Federal Court will fast-track its case.

Otherwise, it says, the government's elimination of the mandatory long-form census could be unstoppable. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duceppe says keep long form

The Bloc Quebecois says it's got a compromise solution to the census spat — and it involves replacing jail sentences with lesser penalties.

Leader Gilles Duceppe says he's hoping he might convince Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reconsider his plan to scrap the mandatory long-form census form.

He says the government can keep the mandatory long-form census, and still do away with the threat of prison.

He says the government could simply withhold services — like a passport or Employment Insurance — until people complete their census form.

"We can tell people, 'Well, if you refuse, certain government services won't be provided to you for as long as you refuse.' A passport, for instance. Employment Insurance, for instance.

"That could be an alternative. We'll see. We're open to all suggestions, as long as the census remains in place."

There's no shame, Duceppe says, in admitting when you've made a mistake and he hopes Harper might do just that.

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"There are rights — and there are also responsibilities — for citizens."
BLOC LEADER GILLES DUCEPPE

News in brief

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▶ New York Gov. David Paterson

N.Y. encourages developer to move Mosque

ALBANY, N.Y. New York's governor offered state help yesterday if the developers of a proposed mosque near the site of the Sept. 11 attacks agree to move the project farther from the site.

Gov. David Paterson said he doesn't oppose the project, but indicated that he understands where opponents are coming from. He said he was willing to seek other suitable state property if the developers agreed.
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It's a dog-eat-dog world

EUGENIA, ONT. Two central Ontario men are facing a slew of charges after police say a scrap between their dogs led to a fight between the men.

Police say the altercation began on Aug. 3, when a man's dog was attacked by a neighbour's dog on the beach area of Lake Eugenia near his home.
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'Bonnie and Clyde' still on the loose

CODY, WYO. Authorities yesterday focused on western Montana and southwest Canada in the search for an escaped convict from Arizona and his suspected accomplice who fashion themselves a present-day "Bonnie and Clyde."
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WikiLeaks asked to censor files

Human rights groups said yesterday they've asked WikiLeaks to censor secret files on the Afghanistan war to protect civilians who've worked alongside the U.S. and other foreign forces from reprisals.

The Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, Amnesty International and three other groups have sent a series of emails to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange calling for the names of Afghan civilians to be removed from the classified military documents published by the online whistle-blower last month.

Nader Nadery, of the commission, said the groups want the names removed from files already released, and from any documents disclosed in the future.

"There was no consideration about civilian lives," Nadery said, noting a rise in assassinations of Afghan civilians seen as government collaborators.
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MPs defeat Tory bid to study airport security

Opposition MPs — majority on Commons safety committee — vote down probe of screening practices

Political barbs flew yesterday as opposition MPs on the Commons public safety committee voted down a Conservative proposal to look at air traveller screening.

Opposition members said the transport committee is already looking at aviation security and can take on the screening issue — a move that prompted the Tories to accuse them of ducking an important safety issue.

A recent video posted on YouTube appears to show two women boarding a transatlantic Air Canada flight in Montreal without being asked to lift their veils to check against their passport photos.

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Former transport minister John Baird

The committee convened yesterday after four Conservative MPs requested a meeting "as soon as possible" to determine whether airlines are enforcing rules that require staff to see the faces of passengers who board flights.

The Liberals said a study was premature given that former transport minister John Baird has ordered an investigation of the matter that's still ongoing.

The transport committee has already held 20 hours of hearings on air security, they added, making it the place to look at identity checks.

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Memorial. Washington

▶ Vi Pham, 77, of Toronto sits by a plaque commemorating the trace remains of the victims of a 1971 helicopter crash in Laos, including her husband Lt. Col. Pham Vi, yesterday, at the Newseum in Washington.

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Loved ones solemnly remembered

Relatives of the Vietnamese victims of a 1971 helicopter crash in Laos gathered yesterday at the Newseum in Washington to remember the incident, which also claimed the lives of Western journalists. In 2008, a box containing the artifacts fragmentary remains of the victims was buried in the floor beside the Journalists Memorial at the Newseum.

34 per cent of the 2,009 Canadians polled supported the Tories, while 28 per cent supported the Liberals.

Tory numbers rebound

A new poll suggests the Conservatives have rebounded from a brief mid-summer slump, taking a six-point lead over the Liberals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada invoked in blast of U.S. left

Press secretary Robert Gibbs criticizes liberals for pushing outrageous Canadian-style health-care system Later, he expresses remorse

Liberal action

- Obama has been under attack in recent months for being weak on health-care reform, dragging his feet on closing the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba and moving too slowly to end the ban on gays serving in the military.
- The White House, on the other hand, believes it's taken on several liberal causes without getting any credit. White House officials point to health-care reform, financial regulatory legislation, a fair-pay bill for women and Obama's move to end the war in Iraq, with combat operations concluding this month.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs has taken vitriolic aim at an unexpected target: The "professional left" for being unnecessarily harsh on U.S. President Barack Obama and pushing for something as outrageous as a Canadian-style health-care system.

The normally affable Gibbs says in an explosive interview published yesterday in the congressional newspaper The Hill that those on the left who claim Obama as president isn't much different than George W. Bush "ought to be drug-tested."

The remarks sent immediate shockwaves through D.C., particularly among the very liberals who have expressed disappointment with the president since his historic election in November 2008 on a message of hope and change.

"They will be satisfied when we have Canadian health care and we've eliminated the Pentagon."
ROBERT GIBBS, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

Calling Gibbs' rant "one of the most petulant, self-pitying outbursts seen from a top political official in recent memory," commentator Glenn Greenwald took him to task point by point yesterday for his tirade against the Democratic party's base.

In a lengthy rebuttal for the left-leaning online magazine Salon, Greenwald wrote: "If memory serves, didn't the White House repeatedly insist Obama was committed to the public option, the central goal of those who Gibbs is now claiming want 'Canadian health care?'"

By mid-day yesterday, Gibbs was expressing remorse about his comments in a statement aimed at attempting to explain his frustration with the criticism confronting his boss.

"I watch too much cable, I admit. Day after day it gets frustrating," he said.

"There's 101 (positive) things we've done."

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▶ White House press secretary Robert Gibbs answers questions at the White House during the daily briefing in this July file photo.

Family of missing couple to seek cash for search

The family of an Alberta couple missing for more than a month plans to ask the public for money to augment RCMP search efforts.

Speaking outside court, where a man RCMP call a person of interest in their parents' disappearance was to have made an appearance on unrelated charges, Bret McCann said donations could fund more intensive searches or a reward for information.

The McCanns, both in their 70s, were towing a Hyundai Tucson SUV behind their motor home when they disappeared. They were last seen gassing up their RV in their hometown of St. Albert, just north of Edmonton, before heading toward British Columbia for a family camping trip.

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▶ Lyle and Marie McCann were last seen July 3.

The motor home was found two days later about 200 kilometres west of Edmonton — minus the SUV — on July 16. On that same day, RCMP announced they were looking for Travis Vader as a "person of interest" in the couple's disappearance.

Police arrested Vader three days later, early in the morning at an isolated residence east of Edson, Alta. The RCMP have said they still think he has information about what happened to the couple, but he has not been charged in that case.

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Farmer grew pot, didn't know

Authorities say an Idaho farmer unknowingly grew 314 marijuana plants while tending to his corn fields.

The Jerome County sheriff's office says the farmer found the pot growing Monday and called authorities. The plants were said to have been grown from seed and relocated to the farm.

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The worth of marijuana plants that were unknowingly watered and fertilized between an Idaho farmer's corn crop, authorities said. They would have been ready this month.

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▶ This screen grab taken from MySpace shows flight attendant Steven Slater.

Flight attendant who quit on the job granted bail

- Judge sets airline industry veteran's bail at $2,500
- Thousands go online to voice support for his actions

A judge has granted bail for a flight attendant accused of cursing out a passenger on an airplane public-address system, grabbing some beer from the galley and exiting on an emergency slide.

Steven Slater wore a slight smile yesterday as he was led into a Queens, N.Y., courtroom to be arraigned on charges of criminal mischief, reckless endangerment and trespassing. The judge set his bail at $2,500, but it wasn't immediately clear when Slater might be able to post the money.

13,000
Number of people who had "liked" a Facebook page set up in Slater's honour by yesterday morning, lauding his dramatic stand.

Police and prosecutors said the 38-year-old airline industry veteran lost his temper Monday afternoon after a dispute with a passenger on a JetBlue airliner at Kennedy Airport, and then fled the jet by deploying the emergency chute and walking across the tarmac to an unlocked door that led to the street.

At the arraignment, defence lawyer Howard Turman said Slater was under stress because his mother has lung cancer.

Slater's actions drew sympathy from the public. On a Facebook page set up in his honour commenters were lauding the flight attendant's stand and calling for the arrest of the disobedient passenger. Slater was later arrested at his home in Queens.

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STABBING

Teen charged in sister's death

A Montreal teenager was charged yesterday with the premeditated murder of his little sister.

Eighteen-year-old Maor Attar was arraigned by telephone on a first-degree murder charge, but was unable to appear before a judge because he was in hospital with unspecified injuries.

Attar, represented by a legal-aid lawyer, pleaded not guilty.

His 14-year-old sister, Shirel, was found stabbed to death in the family home. Their mother made the grisly discovery upon returning home Monday around dinner time. The girl was pronounced dead at the scene and appeared to have several stab wounds.

Maor Attar was picked up a few blocks away, several hours later, and was questioned overnight by detectives.

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Former Sen. Ted Stevens dies in crash

A plane carrying former Sen. Ted Stevens and ex-NASA chief Sean O'Keefe crashed into a remote mountainside in Alaska, killing the longtime senator and at least four others, authorities said yesterday. Stevens and O'Keefe were longtime fishing buddies who had been planning a trip near where the float plane crashed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nothing wrong with Taser report: Court

- Court says facts support finding that Tasers can kill
- Arizona company may appeal further

Taser International lost its bid yesterday to quash a public inquiry report that found its products can kill.

British Columbia's Supreme Court rejected Taser's argument that it was not treated fairly by the inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death, concluding it had "no merit."

The Arizona-based weapons manufacturer has a long history of litigation against any suggestion the stun guns are unsafe. The company challenged inquiry commissioner Thomas Braidwood's findings after he released a report on the weapons last year.

Braidwood concluded

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▶ Robert Dziekanski died after being repeatedly tasered.

Tasers have the capacity to affect the heart and trigger a fatal heart arrhythmia. He said it was difficult to precisely quantify that risk, but he described it as low.

Taser asked the court to throw out all of Braidwood's findings about safety and his subsequent recommendations, claiming the retired judge ignored dozens of medical studies provided by the company.

But B.C. Supreme Court Justice Robert Sewell ruled it's clear Braidwood carefully looked at the opinions of medical experts and his findings were reasonable.

Dziekanski died after he was repeatedly jolted with an RCMP Taser at Vancouver Airport in October 2007.

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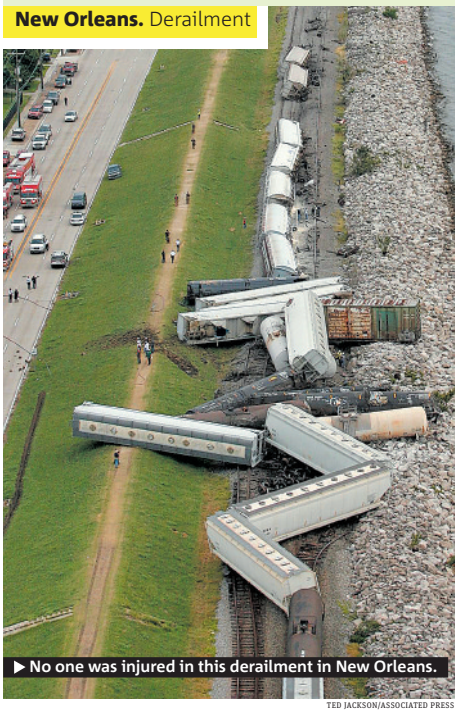
New Orleans. Derailment



▶ No one was injured in this derailment in New Orleans.

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Freight cars just a mess

Inspectors look over the 27 cars of a freight train that derailed in eastern New Orleans on Monday. The cause of the accident is being investigated.

Bicycle helmets should be law: study

A new study is calling on provincial governments to pass laws that force cyclists to wear helmets.

The study, by researchers at the University of Manitoba and the University of Ottawa, says cyclists are much more likely to wear helmets and avoid injuries if they live in a province with a mandatory helmet law.

Right now, four provinces have laws that require all cyclists to wear helmets, while a few others require helmets for children.

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China's death toll doubles

The death toll from landslides in northwestern China more than doubled to 702 yesterday.

Rescuers digging by hand through mud found a 52-year-old man who had been trapped for more than 50 hours inside a levelled apartment building in the remote town of Zhouqu, where more than 1,000 other people were still listed as missing. Rescuers with sniffer dogs discovered the man, Liu Ma Shindan, who was weak but breathing normally.

Another survivor, Yang Zhukai, began the sad task of making simple coffins for the 10 to 20 relatives killed by the mudslide.

"These are all for relatives, for relatives killed by the mudslide. It was so unexpected — a huge landslide like this. There's nothing left. We managed to escape with our lives," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More rain expected

The disaster in China's Gansu province was caused when a debris-blocked swollen river burst, swamping entire mountain villages in the county seat of Zhouqu.

- Tian Baozhong, the director of civil affairs in Gansu province, said the death toll now stood at 702, up from 337 on Monday.
- The ruling Communist Party's all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee met early yesterday to discuss rescue and relief work, a move that will likely free up even more resources.
- The government said 1,042 were missing and about 45,000 were evacuated. It was not known how many of the missing were in danger or simply out of contact.

▶ Local residents of Sukkar, Pakistan carry their stuff fleeing houses due to flooding in low-lying areas yesterday.

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13.8 million affected by floods

Pakistani president faces criticism after returning from a European trip amidst the country's worst natural disaster in history

President Asif Ali Zardari returned yesterday to flood-ravaged Pakistan, where he faced a storm of criticism for visiting Europe as his country was gripped by what his government called the nation's worst natural disaster.

His arrival came as thousands fled a major city in central Pakistan threatened by swollen rivers, and as the United Nations said the nationwide aid response needed to be scaled up "massively." The world body says it is working on a response plan that will likely require hundreds of millions of dollars in international assistance.

The Pakistani Taliban, which is allied to al-Qaida and is fighting for the overthrow of the Pakistani state, urged the government not to accept any Western aid for flood relief. Spokesman Azam Tariq said the group would itself fund relief efforts.

The Taliban have attacked Western aid groups in Pakistan and called for them to leave the country, saying they are trying to implement a Western agenda. "Pakistan should reject this aid to maintain sovereignty and independence," Tariq said in a telephone call to an Associated Press reporter.

"We have put sandbags around our hospital to protect it from any possible floodwaters, but we do not know whether it will help."
ASHIQ MALIK, A HOSPITAL OFFICIAL

But the timing of trip struck a raw nerve among many who said Zardari should have stayed with his suffering people — even though the president, fearful of assassination, rarely makes public appearances in Pakistan anyway. The criticism was particularly harsh after reports that he'd visited his family's elegant chateau in France.

The U.N. estimates that immediate relief will require hundreds of millions of dollars, while longer-term reconstruction and rehabilitation will cost billions. It is still working on estimating what is needed from the international community, and says more than $100 million has been pledged already, including funds from the U.S.

U.N. officials said they'd like to see more help.
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Floods hit disputed Kashmir area hard

Rescuers in the desert mountainsides in Indian-controlled Kashmir recovered more bodies, with the death toll rising to 165 yesterday from flash floods. Thousands of army and paramilitary soldiers continued clearing roads and removing the debris of hundreds of homes flattened in the Ladakh region.

About 200 remained missing around Ladakh, said Lt. Col. J. S. Brar.
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Protests

- Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, but claimed by both.
- At least 51 people have died in the recent protests, where most people favour independence from India or a merger with mostly-Muslim Pakistan.

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WHO: Swine flu pandemic officially over

Still, Director General cautions against complacency

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▶ WHO Director-General Margaret Chan

The World Health Organization declared the swine flu pandemic officially over yesterday, months after many national authorities started cancelling vaccine orders and shutting down hotlines as the disease ebbed from the headlines.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan said the organization's emergency committee of top flu experts advised her that the pandemic had "largely run its course" and the world is no longer in phase six — the highest influenza alert level.

"I fully agree with the committee's advice," Chan said from Hong Kong.

The virus has now entered the "post-pandemic" phase, meaning disease activity around the world has returned to levels usually seen for seasonal influenza, she said.

But Chan cautioned against complacency, saying that even though hospitalizations and deaths have dropped sharply, countries should still keep a watchful eye for unusual patterns of infection and mutations that might render existing vaccines and antiviral drugs ineffective.

At least 18,449 people have died worldwide since the outbreak began just over one year ago, in April 2009.

WHO said last week that the true figure is likely to be higher, but the organization's flu chief, Keiji Fukuda, said a final number won't be known for some months.

Still, lab-confirmed deaths globally increased by only about 300 in the past two months and many countries have long since closed the chapter on swine flu.

Unusually, swine flu hits young adults harder than people who are over 65, who are believed to have some immunity to the A(H1N1) strain.

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The aftermath

Governments in Europe and North America started dumping vaccines earlier this year, finding their stocks were full of unused and expiring supplies.

- **In Britain,** health authorities shut down their pandemic flu hotline in February and cancelled vaccine orders by a third in April.
- **In Germany,** authorities are meeting to discuss who is going to pick up the bill for the 34-million doses of vaccines that were ordered and barely used.

Media. Freedom of speech

▶ Sri Lankan media rights activists hold posters of missing journalist Prageeth Ekneligoda during a protest rally yesterday in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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Standing up for justice in Sri Lanka

Media rights activists yesterday demanded that Sri Lanka's government disclose information on the disappearance of Prageeth Ekneligoda, a missing journalist who supported the challenger in this year's presidential election. Ekneligoda is a political columnist and cartoonist.

Russian wildfire toll: Billions

Hundreds of wildfires that have swept western Russia and cloaked Moscow in suffocating smog have caused billions of dollars in damage, it was reported yesterday.

The business daily Kommersant said the damage from the fires was expected to amount to about $15 billion — or about one per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

15 billion dollars is what one Russian newspaper is estimated will be the cost of damage from fires across the country.

The government has yet to release any damage estimates.

The hottest summer since record-keeping began 130 years ago has cost Russia more than a third of its wheat crop and prompted the government to ban wheat exports for the rest of the year.

The acrid smog that has engulfed Moscow for a week eased a bit yesterday, but the concentration of pollutants remained high.

City health authorities were doing what was needed to help the population cope with the heat and smog. Ambulances calls have risen by nearly a quarter.

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Saudis say BlackBerrys can stay

- Reprieve may be only temporary
- 48-hour extension granted

Saudi Arabia's telecommunications regulator said yesterday it would allow BlackBerry services to continue in the kingdom, citing "positive developments" with the device's Waterloo, Ont.-based manufacturer.

The government's announcement staves off, at least for now, a potential ban of Research in Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerry service in the country — a step officials had said was possible because of national security concerns.

It was not immediately clear whether the decision was just a temporary reprieve, or whether the threat to ban the smartphones was off the table. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concerns

Saudi Arabia announced a planned ban on Blackberrys last week, following a similar announcement by UAE.

- **Strict controls** Both countries have strict Internet controls. In addition, free speech is sharply curtailed.
- **Agreement** Saudi officials had said earlier the company had reached a preliminary agreement with Saudi regulators allowing the government some access to user data.
- **Encrypted** Data is encrypted and stored on RIM's servers in Canada, making it difficult for local governments to monitor.

NYSE. Traders

▶ Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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Markets react positively

Investors reacted positively to news the U.S. Federal Reserve will be buying government debt. Stocks were down sharply before the announcement, but made up ground after it was announced at mid-afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down about 55 points

Stimulus spending helps Strongco

Strongco Corp. has fallen to a $500,000 loss in the second quarter as the construction equipment rental firm endured the turbulence of a recovering industry.

The Toronto area company reported yesterday a loss worth five cents per share for the period ended June 30, compared to a $1.4-million profit a year ago, or 14 cents per share.

Revenues dropped nine per cent to $69.6 million from $76.7 million.

President and CEO Robert Dryburgh said the combination of a recovering business environment, government spending on infrastructure and good spring weather helped equipment orders.

"We are seeing indicators of improvement through stronger sales in June and into the third quarter."
ROBERT DRYBURGH, CEO

"With this trend and the stronger backlogs, we feel confident our market share will improve as the year progresses," he said in a release.

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ONTARIO TEACHERS' PENSION PLAN

Part of Maple Leaf Foods stake to be sold

One of the largest shareholders in Maple Leaf Foods Inc. says it is selling a 10 per cent stake in the big Canadian food processor.

The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan says private equity fund West Face Capital Inc. will acquire the shares of Maple Leaf for an undisclosed price.

The transaction will effectively clear Teachers' holdings of both non-voting common shares and warrants in the company, though it will still have a major stake through its voting common shares.

Teachers' share in the company will be reduced to about 25 per cent.

Teachers' has reportedly been trying to sell its stake in the company for several months, after a shareholder agreement it had with McCain Capital expired.

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New house costs up modest 0.1%

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.1 per cent in June following a 0.3 per cent increase in May.

Statistics Canada reports prices fell in seven of the 21 metropolitan areas, with the largest decreases recorded in Regina (down 0.4 per cent) and Charlottetown (down 0.3).

Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton, N.B., were up 1.3 per cent while the new home index rose 0.5 per cent in Ottawa-Gatineau and Winnipeg.

0.3 The New Housing Price Index increased 0.3 per cent in Toronto.

In Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton, builders reported that they increased their prices due to higher material and labour costs as well as increased land development costs. Year over year, the index was up 3.3 per cent.

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Fewer new houses built last month

The annual rate of housing starts across the country slipped to 189,200 last month.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reports that's a 1.6 per cent decline after the agency revised the June rate upward to 192,300 from 189,300.

The agency blamed the decline on a decrease in urban single starts and a reduction in rural starts.

The drop was partially offset by multiple starts.

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Media company to stay in family

Transcontinental founder Remi Marcoux and his family will maintain control of the printer and publishing company despite Marcoux selling 30 per cent of his shares for $57.6 million.

Marcoux announced yesterday that he has "monetized" four-million Class B subordinate voting shares.

Prior to the transaction, Marcoux's holding companies held 13.2-million Class B shares.

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U.S. productivity takes fall in spring

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▶ Over the two years of the recession, 8.4-million jobs were lost in the United States. Unemployment hit a high of 10.1 per cent last fall and is now at 9.5 per cent.

- Sales fell by 0.7 per cent: Report
- Consumer demand may be faltering

Worker productivity in the United States dropped this spring for the first time in more than a year, a sign that companies may need to step up hiring if they hope to grow.

Productivity declined at an annual rate of 0.9 per cent in the April-to-June quarter, the Labor Department said yesterday.

"This could be a turning point as far as hiring goes," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Companies cut their payrolls during the recession and relied on fewer workers. For all of 2009, productivity shot up 3.5 per cent, the best performance in six years.

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Inflation

- Output of U.S. workers is the key ingredient to boosting living standards. It allows companies to pay workers more because of the increased production without being forced to raise the cost of their goods, which sparks inflation.
- In most cases a slip in productivity would be a troubling sign for the economy. But some analysts believe a short-term drop is needed to boost the recovery. That's because it could be a signal that employers can no longer squeeze extra output out of leaner staffs.

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TALIBAN KILLING AFGHANS: UN

The number of Afghan civilians killed or injured in the war soared 31 per cent in the first six months of the year, with Taliban bombings and assassinations largely responsible for the rise, the United Nations reported yesterday.

Hidden bombs and suicide attacks are killing and maiming so many Afghans that Amnesty International urged the Afghan government to seek prosecution of Taliban leaders for war crimes. Women and children are increasingly bearing the brunt of the conflict — even as NATO restrains the use of force on the battlefield.

The UN report found the number of deaths and injuries caused by NATO and Afghan government forces dropped by 30 per cent compared with the first six months of last year, largely a result of curbs on the use of air power and heavy weapons.

But the overall sharp rise in deaths and injuries indicate the war is growing ever more violent, undermining the coalition's aim of improving security for ordinary Afghans in the face of a virulent Taliban insurgency.

Violence has paralyzed life in much of the country, especially the south, where many people are afraid to work with the Afghan government, run a business or travel. The last two months have seen record death tolls for U.S. and NATO forces on the battlefield.

"The human cost of this conflict is unfortunately rising," said Staffan De Mistura, the top UN envoy in Afghanistan. "We are very concerned about the future because the human cost is being paid too heavily by civilians. This report is a wake-up call."

"Targeting of civilians is a war crime, plain and simple."
SAM ZARIFI, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

According to the UN report, at least 1,271 Afghans were killed and 1,997 were injured — mostly from bombings — in the first six months of the year. The UN said the figures represented a 31 per cent increase in civilian deaths and injuries over the same period last year.

The UN said the Taliban and their allies were responsible for 76 per cent of all civilian deaths and injuries. The report attributed the rise to greater Taliban use of larger and more sophisticated hidden bombs throughout the country and a 95 per cent increase in targeted assassinations.

An updated Taliban code of conduct distributed to insurgents in southern Afghanistan this month urged their fighters to avoid killing civilians, suggesting the militant leadership is also sensitive to a possible public backlash among their support base.

However, the Taliban consider anyone who works for or shows support for the Afghan government and its international partners to be traitors and legitimate targets for death. Roadside bombs intended for NATO convoys often strike civilian vehicles instead. Suicide attacks in outdoor markets and other public places routinely end up killing or maiming civilians.

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Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

A provocative reminder

Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. Eminem's Love the Way You Lie does not endorse domestic violence. It is rather a provocative reminder of the phenomenon.

None of the lyrics in the song suggest that Eminem, or Rihanna, endorse domestic violence. Contrary to the complaints of simple-minded and emotionally charged people, Eminem is not saying that domestic violence is an acceptable or glorifiable lifestyle; he is sending a message (to thousands of people at one time) that sheds light on the common cycles of violence that take place in abusive relationships.

Rapping against violence

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Eminem's artistic portrayal of this sensitive topic may be misinterpreted, but that is through no fault of his own. He is not responsible for misunderstandings of the lyrics of his song.

Furthermore, the video rendition of the song does not endorse or glorify domestic violence any more than war documentaries endorse war. Like a documentary, Eminem and Rihanna's collaboration bring to light an issue that is often thrown into the background in the face of other issues. If somebody draws motivation to be abusive, that is not the fault of the artist, but the failure of the individual and the social system.

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Metro Minute at the Magic Pony

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The course of action

Summer blockbusters appeal to fans of '80s thrillers Stallone feeds the frenzy with The Expendables

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With the release of The Expendables soon upon us, so too will theatres be brimming with giddy fans of 1980s action movies.

After all, with a cast that includes Sly Stallone, Dolph Lundgren and Arnold Schwarzenegger, the thriller is a virtual flashback to the Reagan-era blockbuster.

However The Expendables is only one of several '80s-themed action movies Hollywood has discovered lately. This summer alone has seen the reimagining of such decades-old fare as The A-Team, Predators and Clash of the Titans. With more titles to come, it seems Tinseltown is now playing with the '80s action trend.

"There is an obvious nostalgic appeal for these viewers," explained Brock University film studies professor Barry Grant recently. He outlines that many movie-going adults are nostalgic for the decade in which they themselves were impressionable children.

"Hollywood would do much better to go back to the TV shows of the 1950s for inspiration."
BARRY GRANT, FILM STUDIES PROFESSOR AT BROCK UNIVERSITY

"For those viewers who are even younger, films that adapt '80s shows will be of interest because they'll want to see what all the fuss was for their parents."

From a producer's point of view, retooling a recognized brand is surely favourable in a risky, big-budget industry that relies on familiarity and a strong first-weekend box-office. Tackling such '80s action hits as Red Dawn, Conan and even Romancing the Stone (all of which are in production) will surely create a certain curiosity, but the trend is not without its critics.

"Hollywood's turn to the 1980s for subject matter bespeaks the general lack of vision and originality that is pervasive in American cinema today," said Grant.

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▶ Sylvester Stallone is back in fighting form with The Expendables, in theatres Friday.

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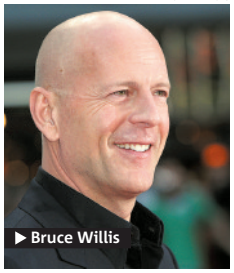

▶ Bruce Willis

Stars team for The Expendables

Re-introducing The Expendables' Old Guard:

Sylvester Stallone — King of the '80s Action Movie, Sly is best known for Rambo, Rocky and of course, that arm-wrestling action hero in Over the Top.

Dolph Lundgren — Recognized as Sly's Russian nemesis Ivan Drago in Rocky IV, Lundgren also starred in Masters of the Universe and The Punisher (1989).

Bruce Willis — Willis made the jump from TV to movies with 1988's Die Hard — which spun off three successful sequels.

Eric Roberts — Roberts was introduced to action movies with 1989's Best of the Best — a sort of Rocky with martial arts.

Arnold Schwarzenegger — Stallone's main rival as '80s action hero, Arnie made such hits as Conan the Barbarian, The Terminator and Commando.

Mickey Rourke — Although he began as a dramatic actor, Rourke dipped his toe into the action-genre with thrillers like Double Team with Jean-Claude Van Damme.

STEVE GOW

2 scene

News in brief

The award-winning documentary Babies will be screening for free at theatres across Canada this month — courtesy of Alliance Films and World Vision — in an effort to create awareness about child and maternal health issues.

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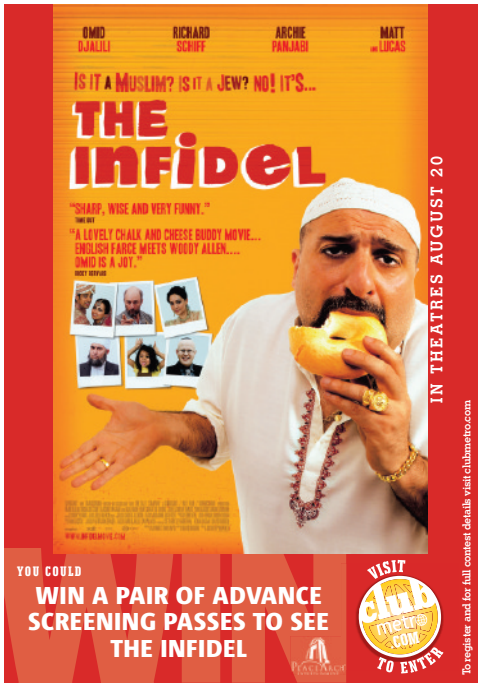

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Toronto gets starring role

Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World set in Toronto
Tourism officials hope to lure fanboys to the city

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Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World opens this weekend with a cast headlined by the likes of Michael Cera and Jason Schwartzman. The film also has another star that might not be apparent until you see it on the big screen: Toronto.

Scott Pilgrim creator Bryan Lee O'Malley grew up in the city and based his graphic novels there. The film adaptation follows suit and while it's not uncommon for Toronto to double for another city in Hollywood movies, seeing a major film actually take place in Toronto is a novelty.

As a result, tourism officials are hoping the movie causes an influx of fanboy tourism like the Twilight series has done to the poor people in Forks, Wash.

"The initiative came about because we all wanted to promote this new movie that essentially uses Toronto as a character in the film," Joel Peters of Tourism Toronto told Metro. Peters is involved with a campaign designed to encourage fans to geek out about Scott Pilgrim all over the city this summer.

Through the TorontoLovesScottPilgrim.com fans can log on to see interviews with cast members talking about their favourite Toronto locations and apply for a movie-themed travel package that includes a stay at the Drake Hotel and trips to Scott Pilgrim backdrops like Lee's Palace and Casa Loma.

Toronto welcomed the production of Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World last summer with open arms and everyone involved in the movie now has favourite spots in the city. Although director Edgar Wright did jokingly reveal one major Canadian retail chain that didn't want to be a part of it.

"Shoppers Drug Mart said 'no.' There you go, let's call them out in Metro. They were the only store who wouldn't let us film there. They got really funny about it," he said.

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el Cera star in the Toronto-set movie Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World.

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▶ A Facebook group wants Ellen DeGeneres to be parade marshall at this year's Oktoberfest event in Kitchener, Ont.

Facebook group not giving up on DeGeneres

A campaign trying lure Ellen DeGeneres to be parade marshal for this year's Oktoberfest celebrations in Kitchener, Ont., won't take no for an answer.

Organizers of the Facebook campaign say they won't give up, despite hearing from a spokesperson for DeGeneres who said the talk show host won't be able to fit the parade into her schedule.

The campaign to bring DeGeneres to the region began last year after a photo of the parade made it onto her talk show.

Campaign organizer Linda Zavarella says she's looking at other options, including asking DeGeneres to send a video response. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

Pretty Little Liars going glamping

TEEN TV. A "glamping trip" is the setting for the mid-season finale of the mystery teen series Pretty Little Liars. The girls are reluctant to go "glamping" (a.k.a. glamorous camping) until they receive word that their stalker might be there. Be prepared for a cliffhanger as the ending has "a dangerous twist."
(MuchMusic)
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Shaq takes on magic, boxing

REALITY TV On Shaq Vs, the NBA star leaves the hoops for hocus pocus as he challenges illusionists Penn & Teller to a series of magic tricks. He also goes five rounds in the ring with boxing champion (Sugar) Shane Mosley.
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Lessons learned for T.I.

Rapper makes return from jail sentence with movie, new album
Says he's more focused on family

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▶ T.I. served 10 months for federal weapons charges and was released in March this year. Since his release he has gotten married, made a movie and a new album.

Everything seems to be falling back into place for T.I. since the rapper ended a 10-month term inside a U.S. federal prison and a halfway house earlier this year.

He's got a movie, Takers, coming out Aug. 27 and a new album, King Uncaged, due in late September. But more importantly, the Grammy-winner is putting a stronger focus on his family.

The father of five recently demonstrated that commitment by getting married to his longtime girlfriend, Tameka (Tiny) Cottle, late last month.

"Right now, it's all about moving forward and just acknowledging the blessing that are here today ... Just moving past the regrets of yesterday — the things that could've been done better," said T.I. in an interview last month.

The 29-year-old served seven months in an Arkansas federal prison and three months in a Georgia halfway house on federal weapons charges and was released in March. He said he's been able to relieve the lingering guilt of being unable to protect his best friend Philant Johnson, who was killed following his post-performance party in Cincinnati in 2006.

"I got so down on myself about the loss of his life that I did not acknowledge the fact that I still had mine," he said.

Jason Geter, co-CEO of Grand Hustle Records, T.I.'s label, said T.I. has made more of a conscious effort to spend more time with his family.

"He's not taking things for granted as far as wasting time," Geter said. "He realizes things aren't guaranteed."

T.I. says he's also determined to pick up where he left off after the success of his last album, Paper Trail. It was released in October 2008 and sold more than two million copies and charted three No. 1 songs. He's already released singles, I'm Back and Got Your Back featuring Keri Hilson.

"I just want to make sure that I came back the same way I left," he said. "I left relatively strong. I just wanted to make sure I came back in a way that would support my exit."

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Virtual drugstore found in home

Many bottles at Anna Nicole Smith's house contained painkillers, opiates, sleeping meds

A month after Anna Nicole Smith died of a drug overdose, her psychiatrist gathered 44 prescription drugs from Smith's seaside home in the Bahamas and delivered them to a medical examiner in Florida, according to testimony yesterday in the drug conspiracy trial of the psychiatrist, a doctor and Smith's boyfriend-lawyer.

Dr. Harold Schueler, chief toxicologist for Broward County, Fla., testified he met with Dr. Khristine Eroshevich in March 2007, when she brought the cornucopia of pills and liquids to his office. Drugs also were found in the Florida hotel room where Smith died of an overdose of at least nine medications.

Under questioning by deputy district attorney David Barkhurst, Schueler said he did not find the powerful sleeping medication chloral hydrate in Smith's bodily fluids because it has a very short life of about four minutes. But he said he found metabolites showing the drug had been present in large amounts and had probably been taken for eight days straight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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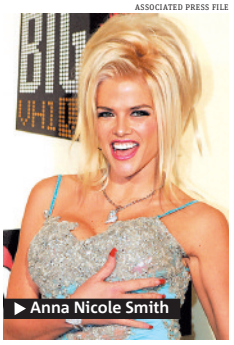

▶ Anna Nicole Smith

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Pee-wee's big bike adventure

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▶ Comedian Paul Reubens, better known as Pee-wee Herman, performs his Tequila dance earlier this week at the Buffalo Chip campground in Sturgis, S.D.

Paul Reubens has sights set on bringing '80s cult phenom Pee-wee Herman back to life

Mean machines and burly bikers didn't draw Amanda White to the world's largest motorcycle rally. She had her sights set on a bow-tied nerd in an ill-fitting grey plaid suit: Pee-wee Herman.

Actor Paul Reubens is reintroducing Pee-wee — his alter ego and 1980s cult character — to fans at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, which is expected to draw more than 500,000 people this week.

"I call it my Pee-wee pilgrimage," said White, a 29-year-old Minneapolis school teacher who had Reubens autograph her bicycle seat.

White is not alone. Plenty of Pee-wee fans have flocked to the Buffalo Chip campground outside Sturgis to see Reubens' character perform at a venue also hosting Ozzy Osbourne, Kid Rock, ZZ Top and Bob Dylan.

"Bob Dylan is here because people like him and Pee-wee is here for the same reason," said Buffalo Chip owner Rod Woodruff. "They are both American icons."

"I'm really bowled over by it," Reubens told The Associated Press on Sunday. "There are people from all walks of life here."

Reubens filmed a remake of the infamous Tequila dance biker bar scene from his 1985 comedy Pee-wee's Big Adventure. On Monday, he was slated to participate in various charity events and host what was billed as the world's largest Tequila dance to the tune of the 1958 instrumental by the Champs.

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All in the family politics

JUNEAU, ALASKA. Levi Johnston, above, may be following in Sarah Palin's footsteps. Johnston's manager confirmed a report on Variety magazine's website earlier this week Johnston is planning to run for city office in his hometown of Wasilla, Alaska, as part of a reality TV show. Johnston, 20, is the father of Palin's grandson, Tripp, and the recently off-again flame to her daughter, Bristol.

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Parole postponed for Lennon's killer

Yoko Ono continues to oppose Mark David Chapman's release from jail

The parole hearing for John Lennon's killer has been postponed for a month.

Mark David Chapman was scheduled to be interviewed this week at Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York.

A spokesman for the Division of Parole said Chapman was told yesterday that his interview has been rescheduled for early September.

The parole board said it's awaiting more information so it has a complete record. It didn't specify what.

The 55-year-old Chapman has been denied parole five times and has appeared before the board every two years since 2000.

He's serving a sentence of 20 years to life for shooting Lennon four times outside the ex-Beatle's Manhattan apartment building in 1980.

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Being 'practical'

- Yoko Ono, 77, said in California last week that she was trying to be "practical" in asking that her husband's killer remain behind bars.
- John Lennon would have turned 70 this October.

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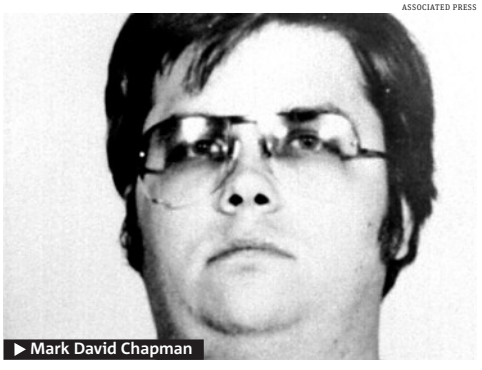

▶ Mark David Chapman

Homegrown films for TIFF

Canuck films bound for film fest include Montreal-set thriller and the return of Fubar's hoser headbangers

A Montreal-set thriller from Jay Baruchel and Scott Speedman, the sophomore effort by Quebec phenom Xavier Dolan and the return of Fubar's hoser headbangers are among the Canadian movies bound for the Toronto International Film Festival.

Organizers say the slate of homegrown fare includes new films from directors Denis Villeneuve, Bruce McDonald, Jacob Tierney and Louis Belanger, and performances from homegrown stars Molly Parker, Don McKellar, Jill Hennessy, Jason Jones, and the late Tracy Wright.

Organizers are touting a diverse mix of documentaries, dramas, thrillers, comedies, "and a record number of dysfunctional families."

They include Dolan's comedy Heartbeats, about two friends who pursue a mutual obsession; the Tierney thriller, Good Neighbours, featuring Baruchel as the resident of a strange apartment building in Montreal's Notre-Dame-de-Grace neighbourhood; and Fubar 2, which opens the Midnight Madness section with Terry and Dean searching for wealth and more beer in the oil fields of Alberta.

The Toronto International Film Festival runs Sept. 9 through 19.

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Maestro recalls lean years

Rapper Wes Williams releases new self-help book ▶ 'My feelings got hurt a lot of the times'

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▶ Wes Williams, a.k.a. Maestro Fresh Wes, poses in Toronto Monday. The musician has written a new self-help book.

Canadian rapper, actor and now author Wes Williams says he tapped into the darkest periods of his career when writing his new self-help book.

The 42-year-old — also known as Maestro — experienced unprecedented success and blazed a path for Canadian rappers in the late '80s and early '90s. But he says reliving the lean years that followed for his new book, Stick to Your Vision: How to Get Past the Hurdles and the Haters to Get Where You Want to Be, wasn't easy.

"I guess that's a part of being an author," Williams said during a promotional stop in Toronto, his hometown. "I gotta open up and talk about certain things that are a little uncomfortable to mention because, you know, you don't want to talk about having a wack audition, or people dissing your album. You don't really feel comfortable with that, because we're supposed to be strong and not show weakness and not show that things affect you.

"But I am affected by it. My feelings got hurt a lot of times along the way."

Birth of Maestro

▶ In 1979, Wes Williams' father — a passionate music fan — brought home a record that changed his life: Sugarhill Gang's Rapper's Delight. He knew then he wanted to be a rapper and worked on his music throughout school.

Published earlier this month, Stick to Your Vision blends memoir with a treatise on self-confidence and ambition. It's divided into three sections — expectation, operation and destination — and encourages readers to clearly set out their goals before pursuing them with purpose and persistence.

He also dispenses lessons on networking culled from his own career. While promoting the book, he practises what he preaches, taking pains to learn the name of each reporter, photographer and publicist with whom he comes into contact.

The Juno Award-winning musician and Gemini-nominated actor says the idea for the book originated back in the late '90s, but he began working on it in earnest back in 2008, shortly after marrying Calgary native Tamara Hendricks-Williams, who co-wrote the book.

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Kidder still has Superman ball gowns

Margot Kidder still has the ball gowns.

"(They're from) when I was being Margot Movie Star," she said with a chuckle in an interview yesterday, referencing her high-profile days as Lois Lane in the blockbuster Superman films.

"You went to premieres and you went to charity dos and galas and all that sort of thing," continued the 61-year-old actress, who was born in Yellowknife and now lives largely out of the spotlight in Montana.

"Thank God I don't have to do that anymore. It's so much work!"

Kidder mined her clothing memories as she prepared to star in the play Love, Loss, And What I Wore, in which a panel of female characters give monologues about outfits they've worn.

"(They're from) when I was being Margot Movie Star." MARGOT KIDDER

The play, which has been a hit off-Broadway, is adapted from the book by Ilene Beckerman and a collection of stories by screenwriting sisters Nora and Delia Ephron.

The Canadian production, which began last month at the Panasonic Theatre in Toronto and was recently extended to Oct. 2, has a rotating cast. The second cast, which takes over Thursday, includes Kidder, Wendy Crewson, Cynthia Dale, Linda Kash and Lauren Collins.

Kidder plays the main narrator, Gingy, who muses about how her mother made almost all of her clothing when she was a child and she desperately longed for a store-bought outfit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Being a cad is charming as long as you play one on TV.

Kelsey debuts brand new blonde on the divorce network

With his divorce battle raging, Kelsey Grammer is reportedly "deeply in love" with a mystery blonde, according to Page Six. "He's pushing for a quickie divorce because things are moving quickly with his new girlfriend," a source says. "There is speculation that she is pregnant, but he wants to finalize the divorce before making any announcement." Grammer and the younger woman, who sources say is British and named Kate, were spotted holding hands in New York recently.

Grammer is best known for his roles on the long-running sitcom Cheers, where he played psychiatrist Frasier Crane, followed by a character-driven spinoff, Frasier, that ran for 11 consecutive seasons.

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First comes baby, then comes marriage

YAWN. Now that she's expecting a child with Sam Cooper, Lily Allen is also planning a wedding, according to Look magazine. "Marriage has never been a big deal to them, but now their friends are saying they may well marry just before the baby is born, or very shortly afterward," a source says. "They are looking for a new house in the Cotswolds, somewhere near her dad's place, as it'll be more peaceful than raising a baby in London. Lily says she won't have a nanny — she wants to do everything herself."

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Wedding's off for Hayden and Rachel

The pretty pair calls it quits for good after 'taking a break' from their 18-month engagement in June

After announcing they were taking a break from each other two months ago, Rachel Bilson and Hayden Christensen are no longer planning on getting married, Bilson's rep confirms to People magazine. "Yes, the engagement is off," the rep says without giving further details of the breakup. Friends of the actress say, "It just wasn't working out," citing distance as one of the main factors.

Although the couple tried to keep their relationship on the down-low in an attempt to appear discreet, nasty tongues wagged in speculation that the coupling was all an elaborate publicity ruse set up to promote Bilson's flagging career and to protect Christensen from rumours of homosexuality.

The pretty pair often appeared hand-in-hand walking down the streets of L.A., or going to low-key dinners around town, but there was rarely any display of spontaneous public affection.

Bilson was previously involved with former O.C. co-star Adam Brody. Canadian-born Christensen, was briefly linked to Sienna Miller.

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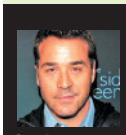
▶ They both independently realized neither was a good enough actor to continue faking their relationship.

Celebrity tweets

Lily Allen [@lilyroseallen] I have an infection on my wisdom tooth. It's the rankest thing, and the most painful. Not a happy lady today !

Joel McHale [@joelmchale] I still haven't seen Inception but Body of Lies came on HBO so I started rotating my tv every 2 minutes to c if I could save 15 bucks. Nope



Jeremy Piven [@jeremypiven] Pulled over for driving 82 in a 70, that's like being punished for spanking in an orgy.

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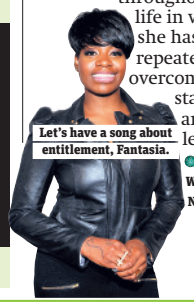
AI winner defends herself

ACCOUNTABILITY WASN'T ONE SONG GENRES SHE ACED. Former American Idol star Fantasia Barrino is disputing claims that she participated in a sex tape with a married man, Antwaun Cook, causing the breakup of his marriage. Barrino's manager says his client is "certain that she is not responsible for the deterioration of Cook's marriage," according to Us Weekly. "Fantasia will weather this storm with the dignity and grace that she has exemplified throughout a life in which she has repeatedly overcome obstacles and challenges."



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Joe and Ashley a new item?

A MATCH MADE IN SQUEALY TWEEN HEAVEN. Joe Jonas and Twilight star Ashley Greene are feuling speculation that they're an item, according to Popsugar. Jonas recently stopped off in L.A. on a brief break from his summer tour and apparently spent much of his limited time with Greene, with whom he reportedly shared an intimate lunch date last month. After their most recent afternoon together, Jonas was back on a plane to Ohio to rejoin his brothers. Joe Jonas recently broke up with Disney star Demi Lovato, and famously dumped Taylor Swift by text message.

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Pals worry Jessica's new man only interested in her wallet

While Jessica Simpson appears to be having a great time with new boyfriend Eric Johnson, friends are worried he's just a freeloader, according to In Touch. And the recently divorced Johnson's ex-wife, Keri Johnson, isn't helping matters, telling the magazine, "Eric is plain out of money. He was going to grad school because he didn't know what else to do, and then he just dropped out."

Simpson has had a string of failed romances, most famously with her ex-husband Nick Lachey, musician John Mayer and Dallas Cowboys player Tony Romo.

The pop star, whose music career has all but stalled, often comes across as needy and cloying in the media, and controlled by her father, Joe.

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▶ She's needy, he's an opportunist. Where's the problem, exactly?

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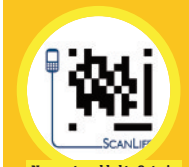
Top pick

Travel find this week:

1 New Hampshire: There are many ways to explore New Hampshire – by car, motorcoach, motorcycle, mountain bike, on foot, kayak and airplane. Why not add horseback riding to the mix. Check out visitnh.gov for further information on suggested places to enjoy a day of horseback riding and test your equestrian skills.



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▶ Dunstanburgh Castle, a 600-year-old fortress built by Earl Thomas of Lancaster.

The Real Hogwarts

Tracking down Harry Potter's school and the other historic castles of northern England

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The boy wizard Harry Potter learned the basics of magic at one, the ghost of a headless nobleman haunts another and you can get married in a third.

We're talking castles here, the splendid and richly varied castles of Northumberland, England's northernmost county.

Rebellion, battles and bloodshed have been played out on Northumberland's soil for hundreds of years.

The days of warfare against the invading hordes of Scots, Vikings and endless others are thankfully long gone, but the legacy is a glorious network of castles, with secrets and tales for tourists to discover behind almost every stone.

In the market town of Alnwick you'll find a castle that may seem strangely familiar. It had a starring role in two of the Harry Potter movies as Hogwarts School and has also featured in TV comedy shows including Blackadder and the historical movie Elizabeth.

Alnwick Castle has been home to the Percys, the Earls and Dukes of Northumberland, since 1309 and the current Duke and Duchess still live there. Younger visitors get the chance to dress up as medieval knights, while older guests may prefer one of the regular Shakespeare performances staged in the castle grounds on summer evenings.

"There are secrets and tales for tourists to discover behind almost every stone."

Nine miles east of Alnwick, beside the North Sea, lie the eerie ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle. It's a 600-year-old fortress built by Earl Thomas of Lancaster, a cousin of King Edward II. Thomas was executed in 1322 for leading a rebellion against the King and it took his executioner 11 blows to chop off his head with an axe. Thomas's tortured ghost is said to haunt the ruins carrying his mutilated head in his arms.

If you miss seeing headless Thomas as you hike through the ruins, make sure you don't miss out on the fabulous crab soup and sandwiches served up at the Jolly Fisherman pub in the nearby village of Craster.

Those who like their castles with a touch of romance won't want to miss a visit to the hugely atmospheric Lindisfarne Castle.

It's an Elizabethan fort built in 1550. It is set on Holy Island, a rocky crag three miles off the coast of Northumberland that is only accessible twice a day when the North Sea is at low tide. Ignore the tide times at your peril as you'll have to face the embarrassment of being rescued by the lifeboat crew from the nearby village of Seahouses.

At low tide couples happy to splash out the £750 ($1,224) fee can get married in Lindisfarne Castle's beautiful barrel vaulted drawing room, known as the "Ship Room."

Metro lists the top four castles to visit on page 32.

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▶ Moonlight drive: The beach at night is a must.

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Why go now?
Because summer on Playa de Malvarrosa rocks. Valencia's most famous beach is a mix of the beautiful and the wasted, hedonism and carpe diem. And the city ain't bad, either. It's stylish and chic, sort of like Barcelona only more intimate and laid back. Just keep away from Benidorm.

It's my first time – what should I do?
Well, the beach obviously. But after that go to the The City of Arts and Sciences, a massive development of five areas in the dry river bed of the now diverted River Turia. The "city" is made up El Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía — Opera house and performing arts centre; L'Hemisfèric — Imax Cinema, Planetarium and Laserium; L'Umbracle — Walkway/Garden; El Museu de les Ciències Príncipe Felipe — Science museum; L'Oceanogràfic — Open-air oceanographic park. And it's all beautiful. Great at night, too.

I've been there before – what should I see this time?
Las Fallas. From March 15 to March 19, Valencia celebrates the feast of St Joseph in spectacular style. More advanced pyrotechnics than you can shake a stick at (every day at 2 p.m.), bonfires every where you look, giant paper mache figures paraded through the streets. Oh, and drink is taken. Not for the faint-hearted but this is the mother of all fiestas.

Where's the best shopping?
No contest — Mercado Central on the Plaza del Mercado in the heart of the city. This 1920s beauty stands across the street from La Lonja, the silk exchange that dates from 1482 and is one of the most splendid examples of secular Gothic architecture in Spain. A huge, airy building, with light streaming through the stained glass and with huge blowsy Valencian women fighting over the bargain sausages.

Four castles to see

England's Northumberland is home to some of the world's best palaces

MOST HAUNTED
Chillingham Castle

Reputed to be the most haunted castle in England, the spooks include the "Blue Boy," whose screams once terrified guests. The body of a boy was eventually found hidden inside one of the castle walls, his fingers worn down from trying to scratch his way through the stone. The castle dungeon held men whose arms and legs were broken before they were thrown into a cell.

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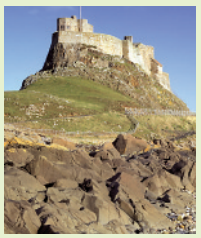
MOST FUN FOR A FAMILY
Alnwick Castle

No child is going to want to miss a visit to Hogwarts. But Harry Potter aside, youngsters who go to Alnwick also get to dress up as medieval knights or princesses and take on the Dragon's Quest — a scary but fun learning experience and tour of the castle's treasures. Nearby is the Alnwick Gardens, acres of fascinating plants, water sculptures and one of the world's largest tree houses.



MOST REMOTE
Lindisfarne Castle

Built on Holy Island, off the Northumberland mainland, you have to drive along a three-mile causeway when the North Sea is at low tide to reach it or get home again. Three hundred years ago, English ships used to dock here to be safe from attacks by the Scots. These days the island provides a refuge for seals. Fabulous fresh mussels are harvested from the shore.

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MOST IMPRESSIVE
Bamburgh Castle

An iconic structure dominating Northumberland's shoreline from a 45-metre rock plateau. Battles have been won and lost on this site since the first century BC. The Vikings destroyed one version of the castle, the Normans built another, and the current version is largely the work of the Victorians. Dramatic sea views out to the Farne Islands, it overlooks a lovely beach — perfect for picnicking.

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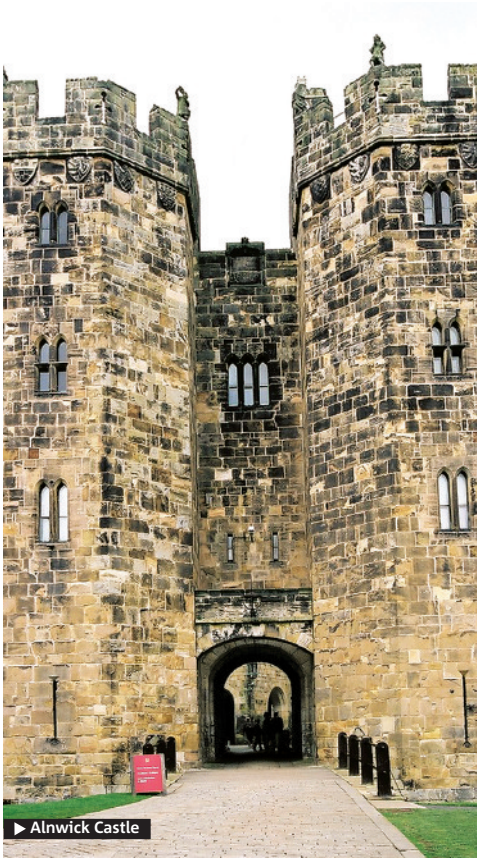

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Waterfront view

Venice is one of those rare destinations that really lives up to its billing Yes it's expensive and a bit touristy, but bite the bullet and enjoy all it has to offer

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SEE
The canals

Let's be honest, it's what you're here for. And while they can honk a bit in high summer, they don't let you down. You wonder how the Venetians ever pulled it off, but you'll go away genuinely marvelling.

HEAR
The gondoliers

A little bit cheesy these days, but what the heck, you haven't come to Venice to be cool. Also be prepared to get fleeced – it will cost you upwards of €80 ($108) so get over yourself and enjoy the experience.

EAT
Ice cream

The Italians take their ice-cream a bit seriously, but that doesn't mean it is universally good. So shop around. Our tip would be Gelateria Nico on the Waterfront. Oh, and try ice-cream for breakfast, you'll never look back!

DRINK
Bellinis

At Harry's Bar, where else? It's expensive, it can sometimes be a bit soul-less too, but it's has the Hemmingway seal of approval and that's good enough for us. Luckily just around the corner there are many other local bars where you can drown your sorrows after getting the bill.

WEAR
Dolce & Gabbana

Or Armani at a pinch. The Venetians are a fiercely fashionable bunch so make sure you know what you're doing. Failing that the standard-issue tourist kit of jeans, band T-shirt and some kind of headwear – it can get fiercely hot.

DO
A canal tour

There are many walking/canal tours and though they feel touristy they are a great way of packing the city into one day and combining Rialto Bridge with the Doges Palace and St Marks Square.
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DON'T
Think you'll do it on the cheap

Venice is expensive – period. Coffee is €5 and up, gondolas can leave you €150 ($203) out of pocket, and a decent meal will cost €80 ($108). If you want cheap, look elsewhere.

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A Belgian sparkler

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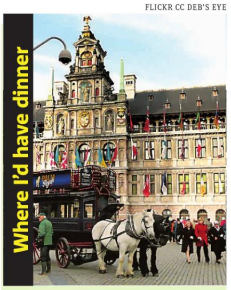

Grote Markt

Antwerpen 2000

The restaurants in and around Grote Markt excel in typical Flemish dishes such as mussels, Brussels endives and beef stew with De Koninck beer. But for a real taste of Antwerp authenticity, a portion of French Fries at the famous Number One chip shop is the pony to bet on.

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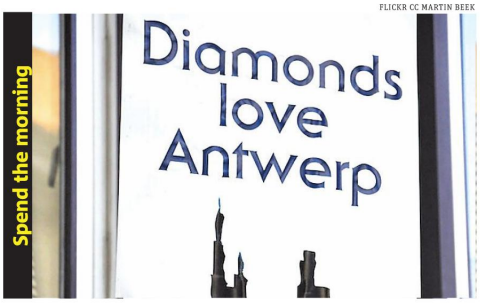

Diamond district

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Locals have traded precious stone since the 15th century and today, 1,800 dealers line the square kilometre around the Central Station in the Diamond district. Amazingly, 80 per cent of the world's rough diamonds and 50 per cent of the cut diamonds go through Antwerp.

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With Antwerp's most famous son

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The artist Peter Paul Rubens lived and worked in the Antwerp of the early 17th century.
Many of his works (and many other masters) hang in the neoclassical Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Leopold De Waelplaats.

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On an evening stroll

Start at Conscienceplein to check out the bars and restaurants around the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, then stroll through the historic city centre in the vague direction of the De Muze pub for a spot of jazz and an 'at Nine' cocktail. The final destination would be Café d'Anvers, Antwerp's dance temple.

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SADDLE UP

Horseback riding is a popular pastime all over the world, but few countries provide such fine views from atop your steed. Up for a brisk ride through the countryside? That can be arranged. Interested in a canter along the water, with a few stops for picnicking or swimming? That too is an option. While touring the coastline, watch for spectacular marine life: whales, dolphins and sea turtles are common sights from St. Lucia's shores.

STEP LIVELY

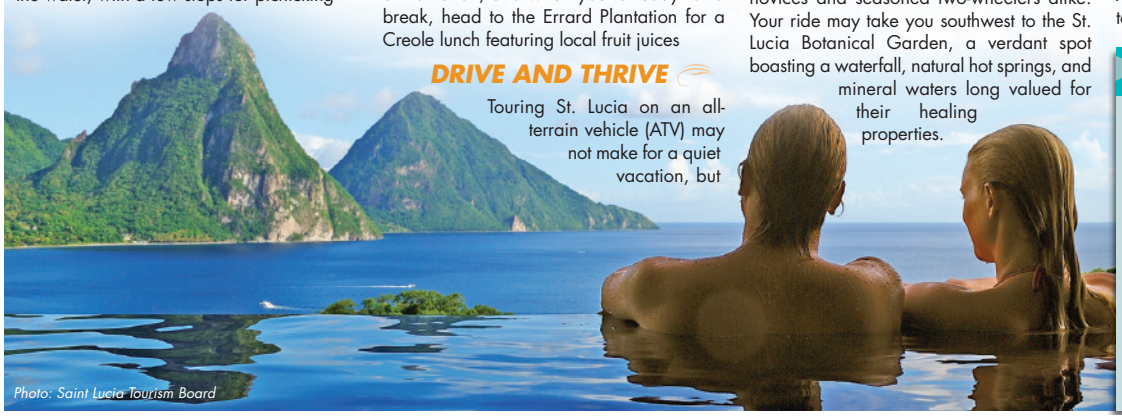
Humans can go where horses cannot. Break in a new pair of comfortable shoes along one of St. Lucia's renowned nature trails, some winding through old plantation grounds linking St. Lucia's complex past to its brilliant present. Learn about St. Lucia's export crops with a visit to the still-operating Marquis Estate plantation; observe a 12-m waterwheel at La Sikwe Historical Sugar Mill & Plantation; and when you're ready for a break, head to the Errard Plantation for a Creole lunch featuring local fruit juices

DRIVE AND THRIVE

Touring St. Lucia on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) may not make for a quiet vacation, but who needs quiet all the time? Motorized travel is easy in a country with a sub-tropical climate and cooling trade winds—and ATVs are ideal for St. Lucia's mixed terrain of sand, surf, and mountainous terrain. The peak of your journey may be The Pitons: two volcanic plugs over 700 m high apiece, and now part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Pitons are visible from almost every point on St. Lucia, and have served as a wayfaring marker for generations of seagoing travelers.

BRAKE FOR NO ONE

Prefer pedal-power? St. Lucia is a cyclist's dream-destination, with tours designed for novices and seasoned two-wheelers alike. Your ride may take you southwest to the St. Lucia Botanical Garden, a verdant spot boasting a waterfall, natural hot springs, and mineral waters long valued for their healing properties.



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Or maybe you'd prefer take your own path through this lovely land? Wherever you go, be sure to bid the citizens of St. Lucia good

> Whales, dolphins and sea turtles are common sights from St. Lucia's shores
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day—perhaps as you meet them on an ocean-side trail. Say it in English, St. Lucia's official language, or try it in Patois, a French Creole tongue spoken by many on the island. A lot of things sound good when you're touring through paradise.

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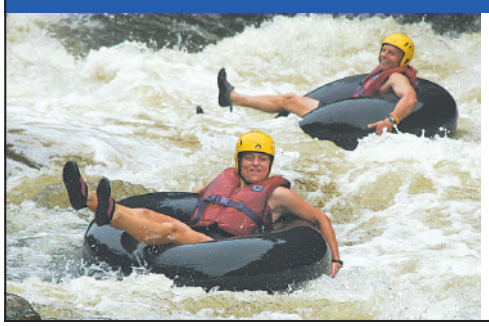

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Good stuff grilled cheese

▶ Grilled Two-cheese Sandwich with Tomatoes.

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Ingredients :
- 2 oz. aged light cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
- 1 oz. light mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
- 4 slices plum tomato
- 4 slices whole wheat bread

With a new school year approaching, extracurricular activities, homework and play dates, making a healthy lunch or dinner can seem like a big challenge. However, Rose Reisman, a health and wellness consultant and national spokesperson for Breakfast for Learning, shares this grilled cheese recipe that is quick, easy and nutritious.

"Opting for flavourful unprocessed cheeses and cooking spray instead of butter or oil, gives the classic kid's recipe a healthy boost," says Rose. "Add carrot sticks and a glass of milk for a complete and nutritious meal."

Tip: Prepare sandwiches early in the day but grill just before serving.

Preparation:

1. Divide the cheddar and mozzarella between 2 slices of bread. Top with the sliced tomatoes. Cover with the remaining 2 slices of bread. Lightly coat both sides of each sandwich with cooking spray.
2. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and place over medium heat. Grill the sandwiches for about 4 minutes per side, being careful not to burn them.

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Superfood: Olive oil

A staple of the Mediterranean diet, the benefits of olive oil far outweigh the negative associations normally linked to fatty foods. Extra virgin olive oil is derived from the first pressing of the olive and the end result is an oil with high levels of anti oxidants, including vitamin E for glowing skin.

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Not all corn is sweet

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Sweet corn is the type that we eat with butter and salt. It is bred for its sweet taste and has twice the amount of sugar than field corn.

The seeds that are planted are wrinkled looking and the sweet corn stalk tends to be weak compared to the field corn stalk. The corn ears are large and dark yellow with big kernels. Sweet corn is harvested in the summer between July and September when it is high in moisture content.

▶ Corn makes up 50 per cent of Ontario's cropland.

Field corn is the type used for animal feed and industrial products. Field corn seeds are smooth looking and the field corn stalks are about 2 feet taller than sweet corn stalks.

It's a very strong plant with big leaves and a wide stem, but the ears and kernels are smaller than sweet corn.

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Dealing with the peacock of the office

So you say you want some recognition? Fine and well, but preen your neck for a burst of applause and you might devolve into the office brag

DREW HINSHAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

Does the suspender-snapping, swell-headed creature flaunting his or her petty triumphs like peacock feathers at every staff meeting bother you? Bragging is not always a good thing, but it can be done well.

"People need to be able to talk about themselves and their work," says Peggy Klaus, author of Brag! How to Toot Your Own Horn Without Blowing It. "Think of it as taking pride in what you're doing. But it's a fine line," she warns.

The flashiest in the office pool, Klaus says, tend to launch each grandiose sentence with am emphatic "I," she says, "Like 'I did this, I've done that."

If that includes you, then consider adopting the first person plural.

"Spread the credit around," advises career coach Jane Cranston. "Use 'we,' like 'we're the best,' and not 'we're the best because I'm the No. 1 manager in the nation.'"

A subtle self-trumpeter, Klaus says, can play an Ode to Moi without anyone at the roundtable even realizing what just happened.

"Weave your successes into a very short, pithy conversation 'brag-o-logue,'" she hints. "It can be 5, 15 or 20 seconds, and it is said with a lot of enthusiasm and delight."

Better yet: Let your handiwork do the gloating.

"Make sure everything you do has a certain look, a consistency, a standard," Cranston suggests. "They'll know it's yours because it has your signature on it."

Best of all?

"Get somebody to brag about you, for you," Cranston adds. "It has so much more power."

Before you boast

- Cranston offers three questions to ask yourself before you saddle up onto your high horse.
- "Am I talking about myself, or am I talking about business? Because this is about business."
- "Am I using facts to back this up, or am I using emotion?" she continues. "People need to keep a factual track of their successes."
- "Is this a sign of insecurity?" she concludes. "Often bragging is."

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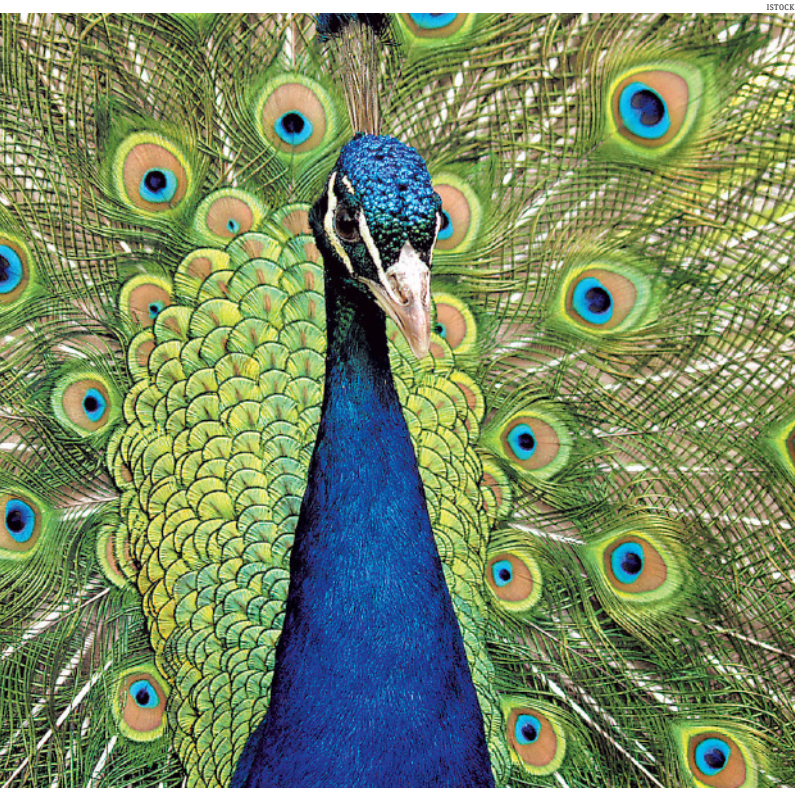

News in brief

U.S. grants accreditation to B.C.-based Quest U

EDUCATION Recently, Quest University, a B.C.-based non-profit liberal arts and science institution, was awarded full accreditation by the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE), an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In March, the AALE evaluation team spent a week at the institution to carry out a site evaluation. According to the award letter, the evaluation team's report "commended the excellence of your instructors and the high quality of your students who were unusually engaged, articulate and thoughtful." Quest University is also fully accredited by B.C.'s advanced education ministry through its Degree Quality Assessment Board, making the institution one of the few universities in North America fully accredited in both Canada and the U.S., according to their website. **METRO**

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Workplace laws sometimes lean on the workers

Most employees cling to beliefs about workplace rights they gleaned from media, friends or researching on the Internet. However, many of these "perceived" rights often do not exist. Here are some common misconceptions:

Poor performance is cause for dismissal:
Except in extraordinary cases, poor performance does not provide a right to withhold severance. Similarly, the quantum of severance is not judged based on performance, meaning that both stars and incompetents should receive the same payouts if fired.

The Ministry of Labour will protect your rights:
Provincial agencies can only enforce statutory rights, found in legislation. However, most employee grievances are based on common law rights, which are separate from legislation. To challenge your employer on any significant financial issue, you will typically have to go to court — and you will need a lawyer.

Promotions, bonuses or salary must be assessed fairly:
An employer may decide, often arbitrarily, who it wishes to promote and how it will compensate its employees. It is entitled to show favouritism, as long as its decision is not based on personal characteristics, such as race, religion or gender.

If an employee is terminated, she will not receive EI:
On the contrary, only employees who are terminated for "cause" or those who resign may be ineligible. Employees who are fired for poor performance, laid off, restructured, or downsized are all eligible for employment insurance.

An employee is entitled to a letter of reference:
This is simply untrue. Although the failure to provide a reference can contribute to the severance you may receive, there is no rule or law compelling an employer to provide a reference letter or even to confirm your previous employment.

Harassment is in the eye of the beholder:
Today, employees too easily view themselves as "harassed." Harassment is a subjective concept. For it to amount to a meritorious legal claim, the conduct complained of must be such that no reasonable employee would be expected to persevere, in the eyes of the judge, not just the employee.

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From home to school

It's almost time for soon-to-be college and university freshman to make their first move

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▶ Moving off to college can be an exciting time, but there are things that must be taken care of beforehand.

When your child moves away from home for college or university, there are important changes and responsibilities to consider. Along with the emotional stress of having your young graduate leave home, you also need to consider what the move means for your finances and insurance policies.

Being informed about your insurance coverage is crucial for your child's protection and wellbeing. While many policies extend parents' coverage to kids in university, other policies encourage college students to purchase their own insurance.

"Parents need to know whether their insurance extends to their children when they are buying a car or moving into an apartment or residence," says Wayne Ross, insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "You could find yourself facing a financially-stressful situation that could easily have been avoided."

For a stress-free transition, Ross offers the following helpful tips:

Scope out apartments:
Living off-campus can help students develop a sense of independence and save some money. However, consider buying a tenant policy in your child's name so their personal property is protected.

Keep track of their finances:
University life goes hand-in-hand with expensive purchases like computers and other electronics. Stick to a budget, keep track of your purchase and verify what your insurance covers.

Check your car insurance:
Whether your child takes his or her car to university or intends to drive on visits home, call your insurance company to check what your policy includes.

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More online

Following these tips can help you breathe a little easier during this time of transition. More information is available from your insurance broker or online at avivacanada.com.

News in brief

UFV filled to capacity

EDUCATION Projections indicate that the University of the Fraser Valley will operate at up to 108 per cent of its government-set target for the coming school year. The institution's provost and vice-president academic notes that admitting students beyond government-funded capacity is not a good situation, as the university does not receive extra funding from the B.C. government for critical student services such as library resources and counselling. Aside from the problem of providing critical learning support to extra students, the VP says UFV will have to become more selective as student line-ups grow. Enrolment at the university has exceeded government-funded targets for more than a decade.

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$2M bequest for McMaster

EDUCATION McMaster University has received a $2-million bequest to enhance and build an elite track and field program according to McMaster Daily News. The donation will be used to fund coaching, training programs, scholarships, tutoring, recruiting, and travel to special competitions. McMaster president Patrick Deane says the bequest is from the philanthropist Mona Campbell who died in 2008 at the age of 89. ACADEMICA.CA

College-bound student trend

EDUCATION In a new survey, 54 per cent of responding college-bound high school students ranked academic-related information as the most valuable on a college website, with 30 per cent stating that cost-related content was the most valuable to them.

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Bosh will be back in February

Chris Bosh will return to Air Canada Centre on Feb. 16 when the Toronto Raptors host his Miami Heat.

The former Raptors star signed with the Heat earlier this summer, leaving Toronto after seven seasons.

According to the 2010-11 NBA schedule released yesterday, the Raptors will also host the Heat in the regular-season finale on April 13 and visit Miami on Nov. 13 and Jan. 22.

Meanwhile, LeBron James' homecoming is set for Dec. 2 when the Heat visit Cleveland.

James left the Cavaliers last month to join Bosh and Heat star Dwyane Wade in Miami.

The league unveiled its full schedule yesterday after releasing portions of it a week ago. The Heat's first game, on Oct. 26 at Boston, and first matchup with the defending champion Lakers on Christmas had already been announced.

Toronto's two games against New Jersey on March 4 and 5 in London had also been previously announced.

The Raptors will tip-off their 16th season at home on Oct. 27 against the New York Knicks. It's the earliest season-opener in franchise history.

Victoria's Steve Nash and the Phoenix Suns make their only regular-season trip to Canada on Feb. 25.

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▶ Chris Bosh and the Heat will play in Toronto on Feb. 16.

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"Everybody, they respect me for what I said. Those are my comments. A lot of people feel that way all throughout the league."

CINCINNATI REDS PLAYER BRANDON PHILLIPS, WHO SAID ON MONDAY HE HATED THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, WHOM HE CALLED COMPLAINERS. PHILLIPS WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIRST-INNING ALTERCATION BETWEEN THE REDS AND CARDINALS LAST NIGHT THAT SAW BOTH BENCHES EMPTY.

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- Bruins say Savard deal has been under scrutiny since it was signed
- Three others could be rejected

The National Hockey League's investigation of four registered contracts was in full force before arbitrator Richard Bloch ruled in favour of the league's decision to reject Ilya Kovalchuk's 17-year deal with New Jersey.

The Boston Bruins released a statement yesterday saying the league has been examining Marc Savard's $28-million US, seven-year extension since it was signed on Dec. 1.

"The league informed us upon their registration of the contract ... that they would be investigating the circumstances surrounding this contract," Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli said in a release. "From that point on, they commenced their investigation and it has been ongoing since then. On August 4, I met with two league appointed lawyers as part of the investigation.

"We will continue to cooperate with the league in any future investigative proceedings if necessary."

Savard's deal was one of four mentioned in Bloch's ruling Monday that could be struck down by the NHL. The others belong to Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo, Philadelphia Flyers defenceman Chris Pronger and Chicago Blackhawks winger Marian Hossa.

All four long-term deals will take the players into their 40s and feature salaries which drop sharply in the later years of the agreement, reducing the overall salary cap hit.

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▶ The NHL is probing Marc Savard's contract.

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Bolt bowing out

- Examination by Munich doctor on Monday revealed back problems
- But Achilles tendon injury that hobbled Bolt earlier in 2010 is healed

Coming off a rare loss at 100 metres, Olympic and world champion Usain Bolt is cutting his season short, saying he won't race again in 2010 because of tightness in his lower back.

The Jamaican's manager, Ricky Simms, wrote in an email yesterday that the world record-holder at 100 and 200 metres will have treatment to loosen his back and then rest, skipping IAAF Diamond League track and field meets in Zurich on Aug. 19, and in Brussels on Aug. 27.

Bolt hadn't lost an individual race in two years until Friday, when Tyson Gay of the United States beat him at the DN Galan meet in Stockholm. Gay ran 9.84 seconds, and Bolt finished in 9.97 — nearly 0.40 slower than his record for the 100.

Given the six-foot-five Bolt's recent dominance and his dynamic, crowd-pleasing personality, the sabbatical he's taking is a blow to track and field in the short term, but should give the sport a boost when he returns.

Just ask Gay, who already is looking forward to taking on Bolt again sometime next year.

"It's kind of like boxers — everyone is waiting for two heavyweights to clash. So when they do clash, it's exciting. But you don't see the heavyweights fight 2-3 times a year," Gay wrote in an email to The Associated Press yesterday. "So even though I was hoping we (would) race 2-3 times for the fans this year, him taking his break to get healthy for next year will make things that much more exciting for 2011!"

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▶ Usain Bolt is taking the rest of the year off.

Shaq shows newfound Celtic pride

Shaquille O'Neal was sold on Boston by all the championships the Celtics have won — and the chance to win another.

The 38-year-old big man was introduced at a news conference yesterday to an audience of about 50 reporters and a couple hundred kids participating in a basketball camp at the Celtics' practice facility.

The future Hall of Famer signed a two-year deal for the veterans' minimum salary to have a chance to play with the defending Eastern Conference champions.

O'Neal joins his sixth team and says he's searching for a fifth and sixth NBA championship before he retires.

O'Neal wore a grey suit with a black bow tie because he said he felt like he was joining an exclusive group and wanted to look sharp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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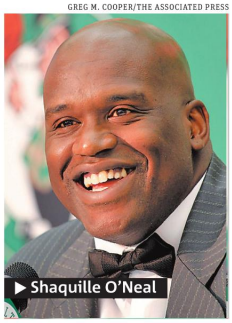

▶ Shaquille O'Neal

Sports in brief

Defending his own 'Decision'

NBA. Anthony Tolliver insists he was poking fun more at himself than he was LeBron James in his YouTube video entitled "The Decision: Part Deux." Tolliver is a little-known free agent forward who announced his decision to accept a two-year deal from the Minnesota Timberwolves over a similar offer from the Golden State Warriors in a one-minute video posted on Friday. The video has been viewed more than 166,000 times.

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Canada's under-18s earn a spot in semis

CANADA	SWITZERLAND
7	3

Canada has secured a berth in the semifinals after posting its second straight lopsided win at the Memorial of Ivan Hlinka under-18 hockey tournament.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins scored a hat trick and Brett Ritchie added a pair of goals in a 7-3 victory over Switzerland yesterday.

Dougie Hamilton and Xavier Ouellet also scored for the Canadians. Daniel Catenacci and Jonathan Huberdeau added two assists apiece as Canada improved to 2-0 following a tournament-opening 6-3 win over Sweden.

The victory ensures that Canada will finish in the top two in Group B to advance to Friday's semifinals. The gold medal game is set for Saturday. Canada has won the event five of the past six years.

Tyson Tieichmann made 21 saves for Canada, who outshot the Swiss 40-24.

Canadian coach George Burnett has liked what he's seen of his team so far, especially since the squad had a short, four-day training camp and just one exhibition game to prepare for the tournament.

"Our game was better today so I think I can comfortably say that we've gotten better every day since camp," Burnett said. "That's the big challenge — that you try to be better every day."

Burnett acknowledged that Canada did get a little sloppy late in the third.

"But we did some good things," he added. "We're putting the puck in the right places and we're not turning it over a lot."

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Sox bring Jays down to earth

RED SOX	BLUE JAYS
7	5

The Toronto Blue Jays were back at it last night after enjoying one of those rare weekends that can make even the most hardened of skeptics dream just a little bit.

There was a palpable buzz about the city following the memorable sweep of the Tampa Bay Rays and the arrival of another AL East foe, the Boston Red Sox, offered more opportunity to extend a lifeline to the hope of an improbable run at the post-season.

But no one has been tougher on the Blue Jays this year than the Red Sox, and that trend continued in a 7-5 loss. Rick Romero was roughed up again by the Beantowners, this time for five runs in six unsteady innings, before Shawn Camp surrendered the decisive runs in a shaky eighth after the offence twice rallied from early deficits.

The loss dropped the Blue Jays (59-53) to 2-8 this season against the Red Sox (65-49) and halted a run of five wins in six games before a crowd of 27,690. With eight more games left against Boston over the next month and a half, not to mention nine with the New York Yankees and six with the Rays, Toronto will have an impact on the AL East and wild card races even if they are out of them.

"This is when it all matters," said Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells. "We get a chance to play the teams that are ahead of us and those teams are two of the most storied franchises and three of the best teams in baseball."

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Federer opens with win at Rogers Cup

No. 3 ranked player aiming to reclaim top spot in tennis

After winning the first match he had played in more than a month, Roger Federer reclined in a snow-white track suit emblazoned with his initials and tried to explain what it was he still wanted to accomplish in his career.

The 29-year-old is no longer the king of men's tennis, but he remains royalty, proving his class again at the Rogers Cup last night. Federer dispatched Argentine challenger Juan Ignacio Chela with a 7-6, 6-3 win on centre court.

"There's many things I'd like to do, but I'm not going to say my career is incomplete if I don't get to it," Federer said. "I'd love to win another 10 Wimbledons, another five French Opens, an Olympic gold in London, a Davis Cup and whatever — you name it."

Federer's appearance on the court at Rexall Centre marked his first competitive game since his quarter-final loss at Wimbledon earlier this summer.

He is ranked No. 3 on the ATP World Tour, and has made Toronto his first step in an attempted climb back to No. 1.

The tournament lost one big name yesterday when it was announced American Andy Roddick had withdrawn with an undisclosed illness. The eighth seed will be replaced by France's Paul-Henri Mathieu in the main draw of the $2.43-million US event at York University.

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▶ Roger Federer serves last night.

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NEW YORK	69	42	.622	-
TAMPA BAY	69	44	.611	1
BOSTON	65	49	.570	5.5
TORONTO	59	53	.527	10.5
BALTIMORE	39	74	.345	31

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
MINNESOTA	64	49	.566	-
CHICAGO	63	50	.558	1
DETROIT	54	59	.478	10
KANSAS CITY	47	65	.420	16.5
CLEVELAND	47	66	.416	17

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	64	47	.577	-
OAKLAND	56	55	.505	8
LOS ANGELES	57	57	.500	8.5
SEATTLE	43	70	.381	22

Yesterday's AL results

Boston 7 Toronto 5
Baltimore 14 Cleveland 8
Tampa Bay 8 Detroit 0
Minnesota 12 Chicago White Sox 6
N.Y. Yankees at Texas
Kansas City at L.A. Angels
Oakland at Seattle

Today's AL games

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:40 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	65	48	.575	-
PHILADELPHIA	62	50	.554	2.5
NEW YORK	56	56	.500	8.5
FLORIDA	55	56	.495	9
WASHINGTON	49	64	.434	16

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	63	49	.563	-
CINCINNATI	64	50	.561	-
MILWAUKEE	53	61	.465	11
HOUSTON	48	64	.429	15
CHICAGO	47	65	.420	16
PITTSBURGH	39	72	.351	23.5

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	64	46	.582	-
SAN FRANCISCO	64	49	.566	1.5
LOS ANGELES	59	54	.522	6.5
COLORADO	58	54	.518	7
ARIZONA	45	69	.395	21

Yesterday's NL results

Florida 8 Washington 2
N.Y. Mets 1 Colorado 0
St. Louis 8 Cincinnati 4
L.A. Dodgers 15 Philadelphia 9
Atlanta 4 Houston 2
Arizona 2 Milwaukee 1
Pittsburgh at San Diego
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco

Today's NL games

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

TENNIS

Rogers Cup results
Singles
First round

Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Marin Cilic (11), Croatia, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Pierre-Ludovic Duclos, Ste-Foy, Que., 6-4, 6-4.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
David Nalbandian, Argentina def. David Ferrer, Spain (10), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cypress, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (4).
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 2-2 ret.
Michael Llodra, France, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Sam Querrey (16), U.S., def. Michael Russell, U.S., 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Gael Monfils (15), France, def. Somdev Devvarman, India, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Fernando Verdasco (9), Spain, def. Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.
Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont., 6-1, 6-4.

Second round

Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4.
Robin Soderling (5), Sweden, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

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I recently spent two days and several hundred kilometres driving the now-on-sale 2011 Kia Sportage from Whitehorse to Skagway, Alaska, and back. The latest Sportage is no longer friendly and cartoony-looking, but rather more athletic, prominent and aggressive than the former.

Inside, drivers are treated to an upscale environment with easy-to-use controls and adequate at-hand storage. Rear-seat passengers get plenty of room in virtually every direction, even if they're grown-ups, and folding seats and a big, easily-accessible cargo hold help to maximize utility and flexibility.

Sportage's interior is assembled as nicely as any of its Japanese competition–though trim materials won't be blowing any socks off, and a little more colour could go a long way to brighten up the mainly dark scenery.

Sportage's ride and handling should impress. Even on undulating or poorly-maintained highways, I found the suspension delivered a near-perfect blend of drama-free tautness and planted comfort.

The specs

2011 Kia Sportage

- **VEHICLE TYPE** SUV
- **PRICE** from $21,995
- **ENGINE** 2.4L four-cylinder; 176 hp
- **FUEL ECONOMY** 10/6.9 L/100 km, city/highway
- **MADE FOR CANADA**
- **FEATURES** Sportage is available with a Canadian-designed AWD system for tackling extra-slippery conditions; Kia's automatic climate control system lets each front passenger select their desired temperature

5 drive

News in brief

1 Subaru Canada has launched a mobile version of its website for smartphone users. To use the site, users should enter subaru.ca in the "search" window of the mobile device browser.
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2 Ten Toyota Venzas are up for grabs in Toyota's Test Drive To Win. The contest runs from now until Aug. 31 at Toyota dealerships across Canada.
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SMELLS LIKE GREEN SPIRIT

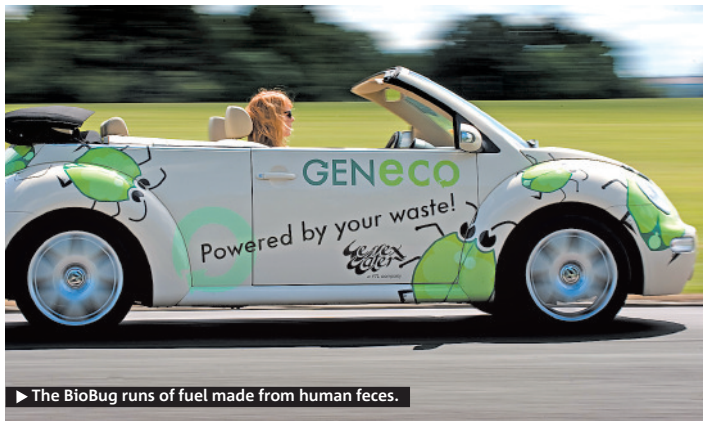
When it comes to alternative energy sources for transportation, electricity seems to be the rising star, at least for the moment.

But in Britain this month, a stock VW Beetle was showcased, one that was happily running around on a fuel sourced from human poo poo …

The firm, GENeco, who concocted the fuel, noted that previously this type of methane "biogas" oozing from the sewage of a human waste treatment plant wasn't "clean enough" to run properly in a normal vehicle. GENeco figured out a way to make it work (using micro-bugs, hence the choice of the "Bug" test vehicle), and now claims that this fuel could be a viable way of powering cars in the future.

Well, whether this thing flies, or ends up back from where it came, the toilet, the "Poo Bug" is nonetheless an excellent reminder that the internal combustion engine can burn lots of different "gases," and that many of these gases are plentiful and clean.

Here then, is a brief snapshot of alternative gases that are working their way into our future.



▶ The BioBug runs of fuel made from human feces.

Clean Petroleum Diesel
Modern turbo-diesel engines running on the new "low sulphur" diesel fuel can be 30 per cent more fuel efficient than comparably powered gas engines. While they are also cleaner in some regards, they require more elaborate emission systems. Another downside: North American refineries are currently set up to produce way more gasoline than diesel for any given barrel of oil.

Biodiesel
Diesel can also be made from animal fat and/or vegetable oil. Not only is this the best smelling fuel on the planet, it contains no sulphur, so is very clean. Downsides: Contains less energy than petroleum diesel; limited supply, though research is being done to see if large amounts can be sourced from algae.

Synthetic Diesel
We can turn natural gas, methanol or coal in a diesel-like fuel? But do we want to? North America has lots of those three source elements, but we get little or no "net environmental" gain by converting them over to synthetic diesel.

Ethanol
When corn-based ethanol is blended with gasoline, at an 85:15 ratio, you get a fuel called E85. It's renewable and powerful. And clean, too — until you consider all the energy and emissions entailed with producing and distilling corn.

It's more efficient and cleaner to make ethanol from sugar cane or algae or certain grasses or waste plant material. At this point, more discussion than production.

Hydrogen
You can make an internal combustion engine run on hydrogen. But currently most hydrogen is sourced from natural gas. Why not just use natural gas?

If you make hydrogen by extracting it from water, you need lots of electricity.

Hydrogen is also a lot harder to store and to move around the country than CNG.

▶ The redesigned 2011 Nissan Rogue.

Rogue re-invented with upgrades galore

Nissan unveiled the redesigned 2011 Nissan Rogue crossover SUV recently at the 23rd Annual International Z Car Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

The popular Rogue gets an upgraded look inside and out including exterior, interior, comfort and convenience, and audio and entertainment system enhancements.

Model names and options are also revised, keeping Rogue fresh and exciting for its active lifestyle buyers.

The 2011 Rogue is now offered in three trim levels — S, SV and SL (SL available in AWD only).

Rogue is scheduled to go on sale at Nissan dealers nationwide this September.

Among the many enhancements for the fourth year of Rogue production is a redesigned exterior featuring a new front fascia and grille, front chin spoiler, rear spoilers, new chrome side door guard molding trim accents, new front and rear tire deflectors and a new chrome license plate finisher.

Also added for 2011 are available 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, new lower rolling resistance tires (available with the 17-inch aluminum-alloy wheels) and a new underbody cover.

The Rogue offers a standard 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine, Nissan's advanced Xtronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission), Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC) and 4-wheel disc brakes with Anti-lock Braking System (ABS).

Rogue S and Rogue SV are available with an intuitive All-Wheel Drive system, which is standard on the new Rogue SL.

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2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT shown.[1]

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Into the great wide open

If you are going off the beaten path, Jeep TJ's a worthy companion
Many loyal followers of model

▶ A pre-owned Jeep TJ can be your ticket to a big outdoor adventure this summer.

SECOND GEAR

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The Jeep brand virtually owns the competitive landscape where toughness and capability on the road less travelled are concerned. By offering affordable capable 4x4 models like the TJ, the brand has earned one of the most enviable followings of loyal owners in the industry.

The last-generation Jeep TJ was on sale from 1997 through 2005 model years, and offered up two doors, two rows of seating and standard four-wheel drive. It's not exactly a family hauler, but did offer plenty of fun for mom, dad and two kids as needed. Add in the removable roof and proven off-road prowess, and it's no wonder TJ owners say it's the most four-wheeled fun possible for the price.

Power came from a 2.5 litre four-cylinder engine with 110 to 120 horsepower, as well as a 2.4 litre unit from 2003 and on. Jeep's famous four-litre straight-six engine was on board optionally, offering 190 horsepower and virtually bulletproof reliability.

Like its ride, TJ's powerplants are far from pinnacles of refinement — but they're known to be highly effective and tough as nails.

What owners like

As expected, the TJ's most bragged-about attribute is its off-road ability, and the confident, all-terrain capability of its 4x4 system. Styling, fun factor and overall value are also highly rated, too.

What owners hate

Many TJ owners wish for better fuel mileage, a smoother ride and more interior space, especially in the difficult-to-access rear seats.

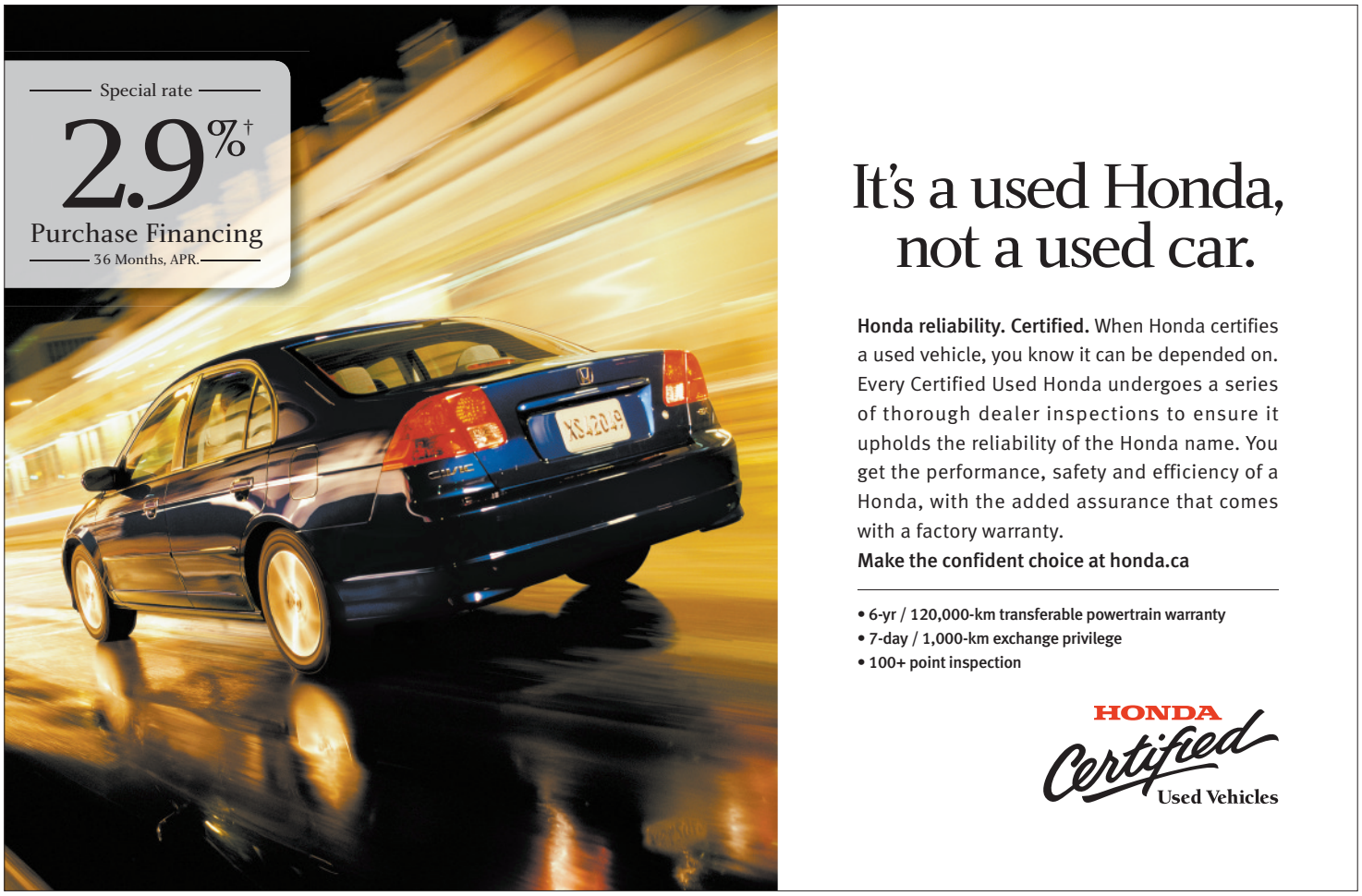
The specs

- **MODEL** 1997-2005 Jeep TJ
- **VEHICLE TYPE** 4X4
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $4,000 to $14,000

Common issues

Exhaust manifolds on the straight-six engine could crack, causing a noisy exhaust leak. Additionally, broken bolts on said manifold could make removal and replacement more difficult.

Check the PCV valve for proper operation, too. If it's clogged or broken, it could cause the engine to burn oil. Thankfully, it's a simple and cheap part to replace.



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▶ The Around View Monitor is available on select Infiniti models, including the EX35.

Bird's-eye view at wheel

Rearview cams are so yesterday ● Infiniti's Around View Monitor takes a big stride in helping you park better in those tight spots

DRIVING FORCE

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When you're trying to manoeuvre your vehicle into a tight space, visibility is everything — but it isn't always easy to see everything around you when you're sitting inside a tall SUV.

Rearview cameras help, but Infiniti takes it a step beyond with its Around View Monitor.

The system, which provides several images including a bird's-eye view, is available on the EX35, FX35, FX50 and QX56. It was designed by Sony and uses that company's software to integrate the pictures taken by cameras on the outside of the vehicle into the overall "top-down" view.

"Instead of just having a rearview camera behind you, there are four cameras: One in each mirror, one at the front in the grille, and one at the rear," says Ian Forsyth, director of corporate planning for Nissan Canada.

"The images are integrated into a picture of your vehicle as if you were standing above it."

The four super-wide-angle cameras enable the driver to "see" down the entire length of the vehicle, and their high resolution provides a clear colour picture. The range is about three metres to the front and rear, and about one metre on each side. The system works at speeds of up to about 10 km/h, and includes parking distance sensors that warn if the driver is getting too close to an object, such as a pole or another car.

While rearview cameras have been around for a while, the ability to provide multiple views allows drivers to customize the screen to see specific areas. The driver can choose the bird's-eye, front or rear, or a view of the passenger side. As with many rearview cameras, the Infiniti system includes an overlay of the vehicle's path, which assists when backing into a parking space. "If you turn the wheel, it will give you a projection of where the vehicle is going to go," Forsyth says. By customizing the screen to show both the rear view with vehicle path, and the bird's-eye, the driver has a clear indication of the parking space and the best way to centre the vehicle in it.

SUV/CUV only

▶ Infiniti currently puts the Around View Monitor only in SUVs and crossovers, not its cars, because of its advantages with the higher seating position and longer cabins in these larger and taller vehicles.

Mazda2 hits Canada with Facebook game

How do you bring a new automotive nameplate to a generation of digital natives that is connected, and lives and buys like no other?

You do it in a smart, new, engaging way and enable consumers to author their own brand experience.

Mazda North American Operations (MNAO) recently launched the 2011 Mazda2 in North America with a branded social game on Facebook.

Called DriverVille and created by Doner, the game showcases the Mazda2, positioned as Zoom-Zoom Concentrated: Compact and efficient, yet packed with style and substance.

Built around the Zoom-Zoom Concentrated theme, DriverVille puts consumers in a virtual world to learn about and compete with the eco-friendly, fun-to-drive, five-door hatchback in a sweeping social adventure.

To access the game visit facebook.com/mazdacanada (Canada) and click on the DriverVille tab.

DriverVille incorporates the best of classic "ville-style" Facebook games where all game activities can be shared with friends via the social network's newsfeed. Players can customize their Your Inner Driver avatar to fit his or her driving personality and then play to win Driver Bucks virtual currency to buy virtual items as well as win weekly sweepstakes prizes.

Among the challenges are mini-games like a race at Mazda Raceway and quests like acquiring snow tires, a snowboard and accessory roof rack in order to go snowboarding.

FROM CARGUIDE

FORD EDGE GOLDEN FOR ACTRESS KASH

Why the Ford Edge?
To be honest, I was looking for something that was comfy on my arse because I live on a farm near Peterborough, so I needed four-wheel drive. I needed heated seats because I have a crappy back, and I needed a substantial size because I've got three kids. I don't need speed, well some speed. But I need comfort.

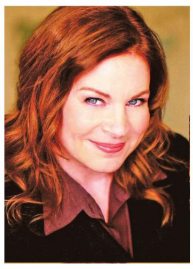
What do you love most about it?
I love this car, almost irrationally. It's got a fantastic sound system and those heated seats. I used to dread to drive because it was just so hard on my back. But this is like being on a couch and driving to work. I also love the cruise control. It's just fab, especially for highway driving.

What type of driver are you?
I'm a very aggressive driver, but since I lived in L.A. for seven years, I have learned to control my "nappier" side. Because you give someone the finger for cutting you off and you don't know if they've got a gun. There's a certain machismo on the road and I find that men like to kind of flex their muscle on the road, particularly on the highway. There's a psychology to it. You can tell a person's personality by the way they drive.

If we opened up your glove compartment, what would we find?
Ah, it wouldn't be in the glove compartment because it's all over the car. I'm a fairly fastidious person in my home, but I live so much in my car that it looks like the inside of my purse. I don't baby my car; I live in my car.

What's your dream car?
I really like what I've got. I'd probably just put more toys in it.

Meet the driver



- **WHO SHE IS** Linda Kash is a Canadian actress and Second City alumna who has appeared in numerous movies, including Cinderella Man and The Love Guru as well as TV shows Seinfeld and Everybody Loves Raymond. She's also played the Philadelphia Cream Cheese Angel in commercials for years.
- **WHAT SHE DRIVES** I just recently bought a used 2008 Ford Edge in a lovely cranberry red shade. It's got that crossover design. It's a bit of a boat. It's actually the first domestic car I've ever owned.

Best rides for teens going back to school

With the fall semester just around the corner, Consumer Reports offers its best choices for parents and teens out shopping for a car to bring back to school.

When looking for the right car for teens, including used models, Consumer Reports recommends picking cars with safety features such as electronic stability control and curtain air bags and good crash-test results.

In addition to naming good cars for young and older drivers, the magazine also names good picks for all sizes and types of drivers including the tall and small. All the models on Consumer Reports' lists have at least average reliability and are "Recommended" vehicles.

Consumer Reports named only one car suitable for all driver types: The Honda Accord.

Here is a look at some of Consumer Reports' picks for teens:

Good Models for Teen drivers: (ESC is standard or optional starting with the years listed below).

- Small Sedans: Hyundai Elantra SE (2008-2010), Mazda3 (2007-), Scion xB (2008-);
- Midsized sedans: Acura TSX (2004-), Honda Accord (2008-), Kia Optima (2007). **FROM CARGUIDE**

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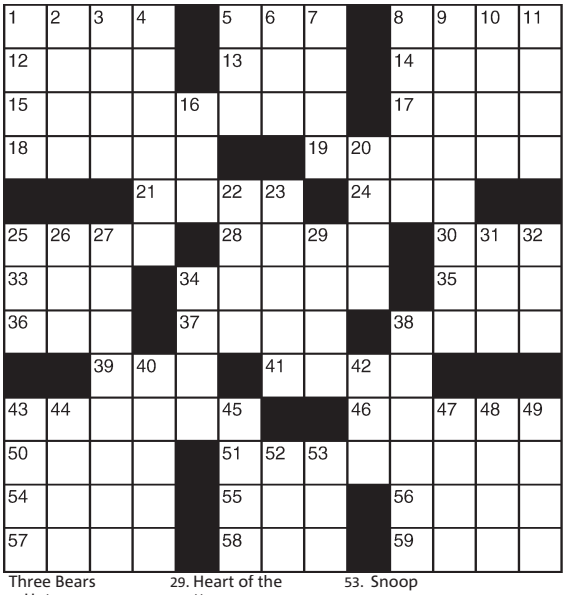
†0% APR Purchase Financing is available on all new 2010 Mazda vehicles. Based on a representative agreement using an offered pricing of $24,890/$34,490/$21,990/$17,390/$18,390 for the new 2010 Mazda6 GS-I4 (G4SY60AA00)/2010 MAZDASPEED3 (D5MJ60MS00)/2010 Mazda5 GS (E6SD50AA00)/2010 Mazda3 GX (D4XS50AA00)/2010 Mazda3 Sport GX (D5XS50AA00) with a financed amount of $20,000/$30,000/$20,000/$15,000/$15,000, the cost of borrowing for a 72/72/72/60/60-month term is $0, monthly payment is $277.77/$416.67/$277.77/$250.00/$250.00, total finance obligation is $20,000/$30,000/$20,000/$15,000/$15,000. *Offered Pricing for new 2010 Mazda6 GS-I4 (G4SY60AA00)/2010 MAZDASPEED3 (D5MJ60MS00)/2010 Mazda5 GS (E6SD50AA00)/2010 Mazda3 GX (D4XS50AA00)/2010 Mazda3 Sport GX (D5XS50AA00) is $24,890/$34,490/$21,990/$17,390/$18,390. As shown, Offered Pricing for 2010 Mazda6 GT-V6 (G4TB80AA00)/ 2010 MAZDASPEED3 (D5MJ60MS00)/2010 Mazda5 GT (E6TD50AA00)/2010 Mazda3 GT (D4TY60AB00)/2010 Mazda3 Sport GT (D5TY60AB00) /2011 Mazda 2 GS (B5SB51AA00) is $38,390/$34,490/$25,890/$25,460/$26,460 /$19,720. All offers include freight/P.D.E. and fees. Offers exclude HST. **No-charge scheduled maintenance offer applies to all new 2010 Mazda vehicles purchased or leased from an authorized Ontario Mazda dealer between August 7th and August 31st, 2010. No-charge scheduled maintenance will be provided at 8,000, 16,000 and 24,000 km intervals and must be performed within the time and on the terms of the Mazda new vehicle warranty. The customer is responsible for the costs of all recommended scheduled maintenance after the 24,000 km service is performed. See your retailer for a complete list of services and limitations. This offer has no cash surrender value. This offer is personal to the purchaser/lessee and the purchased/leased vehicle and cannot be transferred or assigned to another person or vehicle. All no-charge scheduled maintenance must be performed at the Mazda dealership where vehicle was purchased/leased. This is a dealer funded program. ††Savings offer is valid on retail purchases of new 2010 Mazda6 models purchased between August 7 and August 31, 2010. Customer can choose to receive a $1,000 Mazda Visa Prepaid Card (to be mailed to customer in October 2010) or an immediate $1,000 credit to be applied against their vehicle purchase price. See Dealer for program details. Based on horsepower as published by respected manufacturers. Based on value retained from original MSRP for 2006 model year vehicle as published by CBB, as of 1 January 2010. Based on 2010 fuel consumption ratings published by Natural Resources Canada. 2010 Mazda6/2010 Mazda5/2010 Mazda3/2010 Mazda3 Sport models tested with standard side-impact air bags (SABs). U.S. Government star ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program (www.safercar.gov). Based on Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Offers available from August 7th, 2010 until August 31st, 2010. Licence, insurance and HST excluded. Lease and Finance on approved credit for qualified customers only. Dealer may sell for less. Dealer order may be necessary. Visit mazda.ca or see your dealer for complete details.

Crossword



Across

1. Venomous vipers
5. Schedule abbr.
8. Jeans-maker Strauss
12. Vegetarian's no-no
13. Navigator's aid
14. Way out
15. Publicity
17. Church area
18. Striped antelope
19. Cash in
21. Ova
24. 1960s hallucinogen
25. Carriage
28. Aquatic plant
30. Charged bit
33. Plague
34. "The rain in — ..."
35. Pair
36. Drill sergeant's syllable
37. Jailer's janglers
38. Suspenders alternative
39. Unfriendly
41. Remain
43. Frenzied
46. Camel's cousin
50. Comedian Rudner
51. Unambiguous
54. Always
55. Former space station
56. Wolfe of whodunits
57. Marries
58. Wall climber
59. Cheese choice

Down

1. "So be it"
2. Alluring
3. One of the Three Bears
4. Hot
5. Ostrich's kin
6. Pitch
7. Mimic
8. Starring roles
9. Speed up
10. Workbench attachment
11. Detail
16. Droop
20. Verve
22. Stare open-mouthed
23. Dispatches
25. Speedometer stat
26. Debtor's letters
27. Atoned
29. Heart of the matter
31. Pussycat's partner
32. "To be or — ..."
34. Terrier type
38. Newswriter's credit
40. Despots
42. Every last bit
43. Vessel's team
44. Split violently
45. Ms. Moore
47. Passed, and then some
48. Actress Sorvino
49. Teeny particle
52. "Sun King" Louis
53. Snoop

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	L	A	W		D	E	C		B	A	B	E
B	O	L	A		I	T	O		I	R	I	S
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K	E	Y	S		S	E	A		Y	E	L	L

Sudoku

2			9		7			
4	1						9	7
	9			6		3		
	6		7	5				1
		8				4		
1				3	9		2	
		4		7			6	
8	7						3	5
			5		8			2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	5	8	1	2	7	6	9	4
7	6	4	8	9	3	5	2	1
2	9	1	4	6	5	7	3	8
5	3	7	9	1	2	4	8	6
9	8	2	7	4	6	3	1	5
4	1	6	3	5	8	2	7	9
1	4	5	2	7	9	8	6	3
8	2	9	6	3	4	1	5	7
6	7	3	5	8	1	9	4	2

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Friday: Thundershowers 40% 28°/21°

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 19 The sun's transit of the most creative area of your chart gives you total and utter confidence in your own abilities. Not that you were lacking before, but now there will be no holding you back.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Sometimes it is smarter to let others win, or think they have won, than insisting on getting your own way. Stand aside and let a partner or loved one do as they please today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Someone you meet today could be of great importance to you in months to come, but your paths are unlikely to cross if you stay at home staring at the walls or, worse, the TV.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You know that your financial situation demands you make changes but you keep putting them off in the hope that things might get better without any pain. They won't, so stop prevaricating and get on with it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Others must accept you for who you are and what you are. If they are not prepared to do that, then it's goodbye.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You seem to be on edge at the moment. But at this time of year, that's perfectly natural. So stop worrying and start planning for the bright future that is not so far away. Give yourself something to look forward to.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The time has come to choose between one group of friends and another. One group may be more exciting, but is that enough? Who is most likely to stand by you when times get tough? That's who you want by your side.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be hugely ambitious, but don't get so carried away with your plans and big ideas that you overlook too many important little things.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Focus on what you are good at today and put everything else out of your mind. Other people may say you should be more realistic, but what do they know?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Yes, it is possible that you will become rich overnight, but more likely you will have to work for all the good things you desire. But that's OK. Work is something you are good at.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The sun's journey through your opposite sign is sure to bring changes in one or more of your relationships. Go with the flow.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Start the day early and get through as much work as you possibly can. The more you clear the decks now, the more time you will have for more enjoyable things tomorrow.

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